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NEW EXPOSITION OF JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY: WILL FIGHT IF UNITED STATES ENTERS CONFLICT

Co-operation With Axis The Guiding Principle

"JAPAN WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE TO FIGHT IF THE UNITED STATES WENT TO WAR WITH GERMANY AS THIS WOULD INVOLVE ARTICLE THREE OF THE AXIS PACT," said MR. MATSUOKA, the Japanese Foreign Minister, when he gave A NEW EXPOSITION OF JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY to foreign journalists for the first time since he assumed his office, states a London message.

On the one hand, he declared, the Axis-Tokyo Pact was the keystone and co-operation with the Axis the guiding principle of Japanese foreign policy and that Japanese policy in China would not be changed.

He gave an assurance that Japan had no territorial ambitions, but Japan would keep out of the European war and that he had hopes of bettering Japan's relations with the United States.

ANOTHER HEAVY NIGHT RAID ON LONDON

Fire Services Excel: A.R.P. Workers On Roof-Tops

The Germans on Sunday night launched another big attack on London after a period of inactivity during the previous 24 hours, states a London message.

The attack was concentrated in one area and was heavier than it has been for months, though not as violent as the raids made in September.

The German News Agency says that the attackers converged on London from all the aerodromes in Holland, Belgium and France.

Usual procedure of attack was used. Flares were dropped first followed by incendiaries and one of the most remarkable features of the raid was the speed with which the fire bombs were put out. There are many stories of how A.R.P. workers and civilians climbed on to roof-tops to deal with these fires.

London's fire services excelled themselves and practically no fires got a grip on the buildings on which they fell, the majority being put out while the raid was still going on.

Then came the high explosives, which were rained indiscriminately. Even German reports, which are as usual exaggerated, make no attempt to confirm that the attack was seeking military objectives. They claim that very heavy damage was done and that the areas bombed were left in shambles.

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—Twenty-five fully equipped ambulances have been presented to the Greek Army by the Joint Anglo-American Field Ambulance Committee.

Today's War Summary

LONDON EXPERIENCED ON SUNDAY NIGHT what is generally regarded as one of its severest raids. German machines visited the capital for several hours after an extremely early alert. Seven hospitals, four churches, a convent and three vicarages are known to have been damaged.

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE ON SUNDAY NIGHT CONTINUED its attacks on enemy submarine bases and aerodromes in occupied territory. British raiders again paid a visit to objectives in the Ruhr where heavy damage was done by recent intensive British bombing.

WHILE THERE IS GREAT REJOICING IN THE CAPTURE OF ARGYROCASTRO, victorious Greek troops are continuing their advance into Albania. The Prime Minister of Greece, General Metaxas, has sent a message of congratulations to the Greek soldiers while the Archbishop of Athens held a special service of thanksgiving.

SERIOUS TROUBLE IS REPORTED TO HAVE DEVELOPED between Nazi demonstrators and police in Denmark. When the Nazis refused to leave the meeting place the police used tear-gas bombs and firearms.

IN HIS FIRST STATEMENT TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS since he assumed office, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoaka, said that he had hopes of bettering relations with the United States but if America entered the war against Germany Japan would have to fight under Article Three of the Axis Pact.

Luftwaffe Lost 65 Pilots To 1 In Week

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—The Luftwaffe lost three aircraft for every British machine and pilots at the rate of one during air activity over Britain in the week ending midnight on Dec. 7.

In that period German air activity was on a somewhat reduced scale nevertheless 25 of their aircraft were shot down against eight British machines lost but no less than seven of the eight British pilots are safe.

On Dec. 3, 4, 5 and 6 no losses were incurred by either side.

Figures for other days are: Dec. 1—German 18, British 5 (all pilots safe); Dec. 2—German 2, British 1 (pilot safe); Dec. 3—German 14, British 2 (one pilot safe); Dec. 4—German 2, British 1 (pilot safe).

Mr. Matsuoaka was asked what Japan would do if the United States became involved in the war.

His first answer was that Japan and the Axis would have to consult whether such an act would come within Article Three of the Pact.

The question was repeated later and Mr. Matsuoaka expressed a great desire for better relations between the two countries but added that Japan would certainly not modify her China policy to improve those relations.

It was when he was pressed again that he gave the answer at the beginning of this message.

Referring to the Soviet and the effect of the Nanking Peace Treaty, he said, "I am confident that I shall be able to induce the Soviet Government to view the Treaty with Nanking as fair to herself."

The Foreign Minister, however, refused to disclose whether negotiations were going on between Japan and Soviet Russia.

The fact that Germany is not having her own way in the war was commented upon by the ASAHI SHIMBUN which says Britain's capacity for continuing the war cannot be taken too lightly.

"AWFULLY FOOLISH" It would be "awfully foolish" for United States and Japan to fight each other, Mr. Matsuoaka said according to Reuter.

Hoping for a better understanding with the United States in the near future, Mr. Matsuoaka said that he was not despondent thereon and "that is my hope and vision too. It would be awfully foolish for us to fight."

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GOVERNOR PAYS VISIT TO LEPER SETTLEMENT

Interested In Occupational Aspect Of Treatment

HIS EXCELLENCY the Officer Administering the Government, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., paid a visit to the LEPER SETTLEMENT at Kennedy Town yesterday afternoon in company with the Director of Medical Services, Hon Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke.

General Norton was welcomed by a guard-of-honour formed by a group out of the 223 leper patients now under treatment.

He was escorted over the settlement by Dr. H. F. Tai, Medical Officer in charge, and visited the dormitories, infirmary (where the women's ward is named the "Norton Ward" and the men's ward the "Northcote Ward"), the dining halls, laundry and kitchen.

It is understood that His Excellency evinced special interest in the occupational aspect of the treatment and generously offered assistance in the organisation of more work, especially for the men patients who have not the same opportunities as the women engaged in laundry work for the settlement, making and mending of clothes, etc.

WORK BY PATIENTS

Most of the work at the Kennedy Town Settlement is performed by the patients themselves including nursing and assisting the Medical Officer in charge. The patients number 150 men and 73 women.

Among the patients who were drawn up in the guard of honour were several who returned to the Kennedy Town Settlement after being bombed out of the leper settlement near Swatow in Kwangtung Province. They had walked the whole distance from Swatow to Hongkong though one or two

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—Sixteen members of the Oslo Municipal Council have been dismissed from their posts under a decree issued by Herr von Berghoven, German Governor of Norway, according to the Moscow Radio.

R.A.F. MAKE SMASHING ATTACK ON DUSSELDORF FOR THE SECOND NIGHT IN SUCCESSION

FOR THE SECOND NIGHT IN SUCCESSION THE R.A.F. MADE A SMASHING ATTACK ON DUSSELDORF, states a London message.

On the previous night, British airmen were reported to have left behind them the biggest fire ever seen in Dusseldorf and the Germans will now have a bigger task in dealing with this latest attack.

Heavy Raids On Submarine Bases

Heavy raids were also made yesterday on submarine bases at LORIENT, shipping and harbours in BORDEAUX and BREST as well as attacks on a number of aerodromes. Two British bombers failed to return.

Confiscation Of All Rice Stocks

CHUNGKING, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, is proposing to the Chinese Government for the confiscation of all rice stocks throughout the nation.

Rice would then only be obtainable from Government.

Meanwhile, in an effort to increase the production of food-stuffs, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has issued an order to the troops of the Chinese National Army that they assist the farmers in the winter months without compensation.

It is felt that these recent raids will have a very great effect on Germany's war productions.

British bombers were also busy on Sunday night over the RHUR district.

A German newspaper makes an uncommonly frank comment on this raid. It says "British bombers in the past several months have been particularly bombing the Rhine district."

"Western Germany is of more importance," adds the paper and asks whether people in Berlin and other places in Germany appreciate the strain of people having to spend the night in the cellars and then go out and do a whole day's work.

It is particularly interesting says the London message to find this statement in a German paper. The fact that the attacks were a severe test of nerves for the Germans is shown by this bombing, which is hardly mentioned in the German Press.

HITLER AND LEOPOLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—Herr Hitler and King Leopold of Belgium have made personal contact, declared a correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting Corporation in a broadcast from Brussels.

NO KNOWLEDGE

SINGAPORE, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—Enquiries by Reuter at the G.H.Q. of Malaya elicited a reply that they had no knowledge of any negotiations proceeding for a secret Anglo-Chinese military alliance.

VICTORIOUS GREEK TROOPS CONTINUE ADVANCE INTO ALBANIA: METAXAS SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

WHILE THE PEOPLE OF ATHENS WERE CELEBRATING THE FALL OF ARGYROCASTRO WITH VIOLENT ENTHUSIASM, the victorious Greek troops are continuing their advance into Albania, states a London message.

The official Greek communique states: "Our troops carried out attacks on various sectors of the front and these were crowned with complete success."

It was reported in Athens that the Greeks have now advanced beyond Delvine and further north in a wide sweep towards Bologna, the Italian army supply base in Albania.

On the northern front the Greeks captured the village of Radokale. Here the Italians put a desperate resistance and two pick regiments are defending fortified positions.

During a break in the weather yesterday morning, it was possible to see that the main body of the Italian forces are still retreating on Eibasan.

With the news of the fall of Argirocastro, was the occasion for many demonstrations in Athens, flags are being flown in the streets and the bells of the city have been ordered to ring for three days.

SPECIAL SERVICE General Metaxas, the Prime Minister has sent a message of congratulations to the troops and the crowds surged into the streets. Archbishop of Athens held a special service of thanksgiving. King George of the Hellenes and Gen. Metaxas received a tremendous welcome from the people and

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BRITISH THRUST ON AFRICAN FRONT

Yesterday's General Headquarters communique from the African front states: "British advance guards were in contact with the enemy on the Western Desert on a broad front. Five hundred Italians were taken prisoners in an engagement south of Sidi Barrani."

SERIOUS TROUBLE IN DENMARK

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—Serious trouble developed yesterday afternoon between Nazi demonstrators and police at Haderslev, Denmark, according to a message from Gothenburg published in London papers and quoted by the Danish news agency.

When the Nazis refused to leave the meeting, the police used tear gas bombs and firearms and eventually cleared the place with their batons.

Ten policemen and a number of demonstrators were taken to hospital.

TEACHERS ARRESTED

THE AMENSKA DAGBLADET learns from Oslo that a number of teachers and about 50 students at a high school there have been arrested.

This action was taken by the Quisling Youth Association and several teachers were badly beaten up and taken away by secret police who now seem to be co-operating with Quisling's guards.

Internment Camp Riot

The Egyptian Minister of the Interior announced yesterday that seven people were killed and nine wounded during a riot which broke out at an internment camp where a number of local undesirable were interned.

The rioters attacked their guards with lead-piping and the latter fired one round of live ammunition after firing a round above the heads of the rioters.

Complete order has now been restored.

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HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of
notifiable diseases notified as
having occurred in the Colony
during the 48 hours ended at
midnight on Dec. 8:—Diphtheria,
one case; Enteric Fever, one case;
Chicken-Pox, one case; Cerebro-
spinal Fever, one case; Dysentery,
eight cases; Puerperal Fever, one
case; Tuberculosis, 30 cases.

Eminent Jew Refuses Exemption

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—
Henri Bergson, famous philoso-
pher, has refused exemption from
the provisions of the French
Jewish statute to which he was
entitled, on the ground that he
has "rendered exceptional ser-
vice in the literary sphere," ac-

COMING EVENTS

DEC.
10—Tides: High 8.20 a.m. and 8.51
p.m. Low 12.40 a.m. and 11.50 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.52 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.
Claims against estate of Chas.
Lapenta due.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1
p.m.—Speaker: Mr. V. E. Ferrier on
"Motoring Experiences in South
China."

Evacuation Representative Commit-
tee Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 5.15
p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Badminton & Swimming,
6 p.m.—8 p.m.; Extraordinary General
Meeting of Hockey Club, 6.30 p.m.;
Billiards Social, 8 p.m.

H.K. University Economic Society—
Address by Miss K. J. Archer on "The
Industrial Organisation of Hongkong,"
8.30 p.m.
H.K. University Science Society,
General Meeting, 8.30 p.m.

Mrs. Olliv's Bible Class, 9, Hillwood
Road, 10.30 a.m.
Christ Church Council Meeting, 6
p.m.

St. Andrew's Wartime Intercession
Service, 6 p.m.
S. and S. Home: Prayer and Fellow-
ship, 8.30 p.m.

Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
11—Tides: High 7.25 a.m. and 7.13
p.m. Low 1.25 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.

Ying Wah Alumni O.B.A. Reunion
Dinner, Ong Lok Yuen, Des Voeux
Road.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.),
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
Kowloon Chess Club, Annual Din-
ner, 8 p.m.

King's College, Prize Day, 11 a.m.
H.K.P.A. Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Women's War Work, 9
a.m.—12 noon; Swimming and Swim-
ming Instruction; Chess Night, 6 p.m.—
11 p.m.

All-China Exhibition of Pictorial
Photography, Cafe Wiseman, 4 p.m.
H.K. Reel Club Practice, Helena
May, 8 p.m.

Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
12—Tides: High 8.20 a.m. and 7.36
p.m. Low 2.08 a.m. and 1.07 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Mtg., 1
p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Squash, 6 p.m.—11 p.m.;
Hockey, 4.30 p.m.; Swimming,
Compulsory Service Tribunal Coun-
cil Chamber, 4 p.m.

13—Tides: High 9.07 a.m. and 8.03
p.m. Low 2.43 a.m. and 1.45 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.

Claims against A.E.G. Electric Co.,
H.K., Telge and Schroeder, H.K., Ger-
man Leather Trading Co., H.K., (in
liquidation) due.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar,
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.),
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club
Theatre

Criminal Sessions Commence, 10
a.m.

14—Tides: High 9.50 a.m. and 8.55
p.m. Low 3.22 a.m. and 2.18 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar,
Claims against estate of the Rt.
Hon. Kenneth Earl of Incheague due.
Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club
Theatre.

H.E. the Acting Governor to open
new Chinese Baptist Chapel, Kowloon
City, 3 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's 13th Race
Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.
Charity Dance at H.K. University,
8.30 p.m.

15—Tides: High 10.28 a.m. and 9.06
p.m. Low 3.58 a.m. and 2.50 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championships, semi-
finals.
H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibi-
tion.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.
Entries close for H.K. Polo Club's
R.A. Cup Competition.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club
Theatre.

16—Tides: High 11.06 a.m. and 9.41
p.m. Low 4.38 a.m. and 3.25 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.),
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
Claims against Kruse & Co., Deuts-
cher Klub, Transocean News Service,
Fritz Petersen, Degesch & Degussa
(Hans Hommel), G. Hartig, Heinz
Artax, Helmut Nocht (in liquidation) due.

H.K. Polo Club, R.A. Cup Competi-
tion starts.

17—Tides: High 11.48 a.m. and
10.20 p.m. Low 5.15 a.m. and 3.55 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club dramatic per-
formance.

Kowloon Ladies' Work Party—
"Bring-and-Buy-Something" Tea Par-
ty, Y.M.C.A., 4 p.m.—6 p.m.

18—Tides: High 12.22 p.m. and
11.05 p.m. Low 5.58 a.m. and 4.34 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.),
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
19—Tides: High 1.20 p.m. and 11.50
p.m. Low 6.40 a.m. and 5.16 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting,
1 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club dramatic per-
formance.

Radio Programmes

HONGKONG

Z On Wavelengths of 353
metres (845 k.c's) 31.68
W metres (9.52 megacycles).

"GAY DECEIVERS" COMEDY RELAYED FROM LONDON

"La Bohème" Act I

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-
cession.

12.30 Compositions of Mozart.

11 Seraglio—Overture—Vienna Phil-
harmonic Orchestra. Concerto in E
Flat Major—1st Mov: Allegro (Caden-
za); 2nd Mov: Romance (Larghetto);
3rd Mov: Allegro—Aubrey Brain
(Horn) and The B.B.C. Symphony Or-
chestra. Rondo (from Serenade in D
Major "Haffner")—Fritz Kreisler (Vio-
lin) with Piano accomp.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather
Report.

1.03 Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

A Cowboy's Wedding Day (Noel-
Pelosi); The Charades Ball (O'Don-
ovan-Brennan). Sweethearts (from the
film); Wooden Shoes (from Sweet-
hearts). My Little Buckaroo (from
"Strange Laws"); Maracay (Gilbert-
Nicholls)—with Vocal Chorus.

1.20 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

Kunz Revivals No. 1—Intro: Some
of these days; With a song in my
heart; Night and Day; If you could
care for me; Kiss me again; Bitter
Sweet. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley

No. 2. 21—Intro: Your Heart and
Mine; The Scene Changes; Supporting.

1.30 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Carroll Gib-
bons and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—In Building Up To An
Awful Let Down; Slow Fox-Trot—
These Foolish Things (from Spread it
abroad); Fox-Trots—Sweet Dreams
Sweetheart; Page Miss Glory (from
the film); Fox-Trot—Put Me Behind
the Stars.

2.15 Close down.

2.30 Closing Legal, Stock Quota-
tions.

6.32 Latest Dance Music.

Quicksteps—No Mama No; Sweet
Little Sweetheart—Joe Loss and His
Orch. Fox-Trots—Sepia Panoramas;
Harlem Air-Shift—Duke Ellington &
His Famous Orchestra. Waltz—Salud
Dinero, Y Amor; Tango—Abandana-
da—Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—Apple Blossoms & Chapel
Bells; The Moon and the Willow Tree
(from "The Road to Singapore")—
Everett Hoagland and His Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—A Lover's Lullaby—
Ambrose and His Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of
the Hour."

7.30 Variety.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Latest Subscriptions
To B.W.O.F.

The following is the latest list of
subscriptions received to date for
credit of the British War Or-
ganisation Fund:—

Previously acknowledged, £2100
\$609,639.30.

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members of the European Staff of
Messrs. Butterfield and Swire
(November) 107; J. Finnie 50;
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Hewitt 10; D. J. Valentine 20; Miss
G. Ezra 15; A. C. Wilcox (Novem-
ber) 25; Anonymous 3; G. Lyon-
Mackenzie (Monthly) 100; Pay
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10; Francois D'Hardivilliers (2nd)
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nese Staff of Messrs. Hots Wharf
(Nov.) 43.91; J. A. V. Hart Davis
10; Fung Keong Rubber Co. Ltd.
(Sept-Dec.) 800; The Entertain-
ment Committee proceeds of Band
Concert given at the Peninsula
Hotel on Dec 1 5.325; Some of the

Comedienne—A Party at Gery and
Daisy's—Elsie and Doris Waters and
Company Cinema Organ—Irish Med-
ley—Intro: Rakes of Morrow; Mother
Machree; When Irish Eyes are smil-
ing; A Little bit of heaven; Garry
Owen; Irish Washerwoman; Peggy
O'Neill; Rose of Tralee; Killarney; St.
Patrick Day—Reginald Dixon. En-
tertainer—Dear Old Fashioned Thing
(Harrington and Hobson); Seven Vells
(De Sylva, Brown and Henderson)—
Norman Long with Piano. 8 Piano
Ensemble—Lary Bones (Mercer and
Charmichael); Dinah (Akst)—8
Piano Ensemble. Comedienne—Gert,
Daisy and the Knot-Hole (Waters)—
Elsie and Doris Waters with Orches-
tra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Albert Sandler's Trio and Or-
chestra.

Faery Song (from "The Immortal
Hour"—Rutland Boughton); Le Canari
(Polakian)—Albert Sandler Trio.
Gipsy, Sing for Me (Melsel); Heart-
less (Melsel)—Albert Sandler & His
Orchestra.

8.15 London Relay—"Gay Deceivers"
Comedy.

8.30 London Relay—The News and
News Commentary.

8.30 London Relay—Talk: "Scots
Abroad."

9.45 Grieg—Sonata in C Minor, Op.
45.

1st Mov: Allegro molto ed appas-
ionato; 2nd Mov: Allegretto espres-
sivo alla Romanza; 3rd Mov: Al-
legro animato—Sergei Rachmaninoff
(Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).

10.15 Puccini's "La Bohème" Act I.

Singers in order of appearance:
Luigi Marini, Gino Vanelli, Tancredi
Paggi, Aristide Baracchi, Salvatore
Baccaloni and Rosetta Panpanini
with Orchestra.

10.45 Orchestral Selections.

Sir Roger De Coverley (Daykin);
Post Horn Galop (Koenig)—New May-
fair Orchestra. Suite De Danse—In-
termezzo (Kunneke); Valse Melan-
colique—Otto Dobrindt and Eugen Wolf
Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

SHORT WAVE

DAVENTRY

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G.S.G. 17.79b.c. (18.6m.)

G.S.B. 9.51m.c. (31.35m.)

G.S.H. 21.47m.c. (3197m.)

G.S.O. 15.18m.c. (19.79m.)

NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Sum-
mary 4.00 p.m.

Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

Transmission V—News Sum-
mary 6.45 p.m.

Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.

do. 8.15 p.m.

do. 12.00 mid-
night

Trans. II & III—News Sum-
mary 7.30 a.m.

Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

CHUNGKING

CULTURAL

LEADERS

FETED

General Chang Chih-chung, and
Messrs. Liang Han-tsoo and Wang
Tung-yuan, respectively Director
and Deputy Directors of the Politi-
cal Affairs Board of the National
Military Council, and Mr. Kuo Mo-
jo, Chairman of the Cultural Com-
mittee of the same Council, jointly
gave a dinner party in honour
of local cultural leaders.

Over 400 guests were present.

Speaking at the gathering, Gen-
eral Chang emphasised the im-
portance of cultural work in war-
time and urged the cultural cir-
cles to do their part in winning
the final victory, while Dr. Sun
Fo, President of the Legislative
Yuan, asked the cultural and
newspaper circles to support and
propagandise the food control
system in order to stabilise prices.

A toast to the health of Gen-
eralissimo Chiang Kai-shek was
drunk.

A Whist Drive will be held at
St. Andrew's Church Hall tomorrow
(Wednesday), at 9 p.m. This is
the final Whist Drive of the
series for the Aggregate Prize,
which will be presented at the end
of the evening—one for Ladies
and one for Gentlemen.

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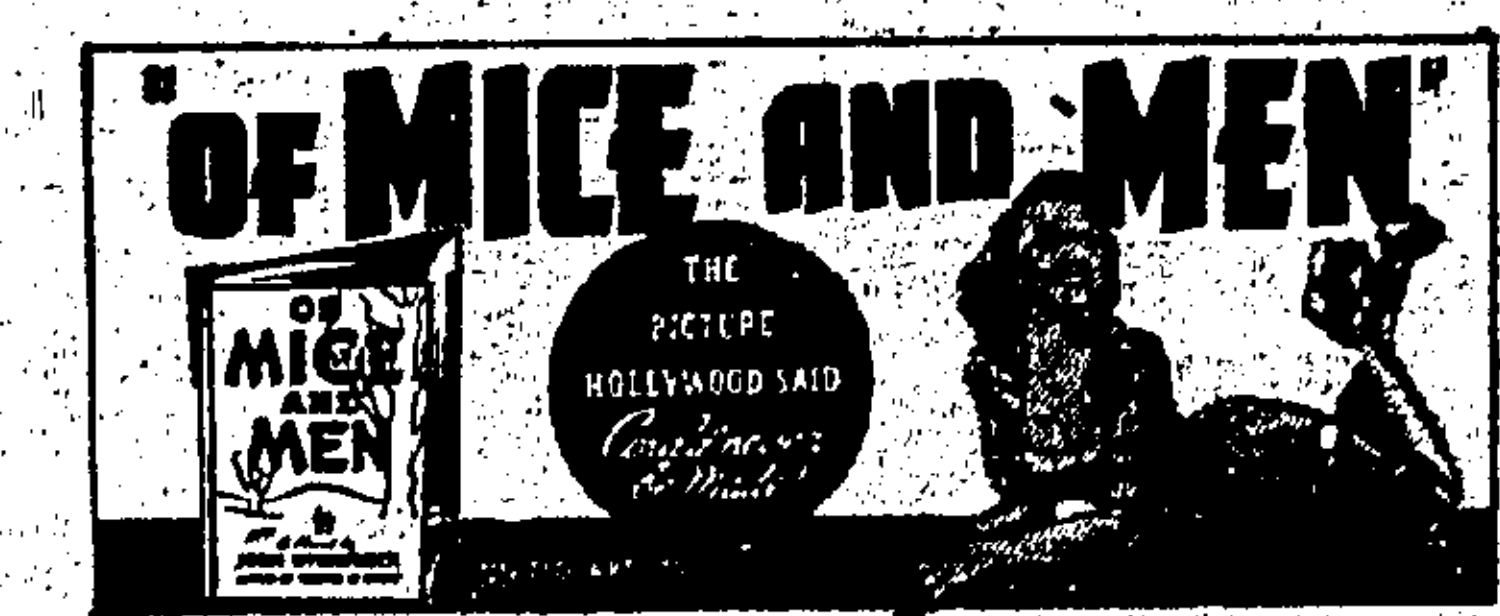
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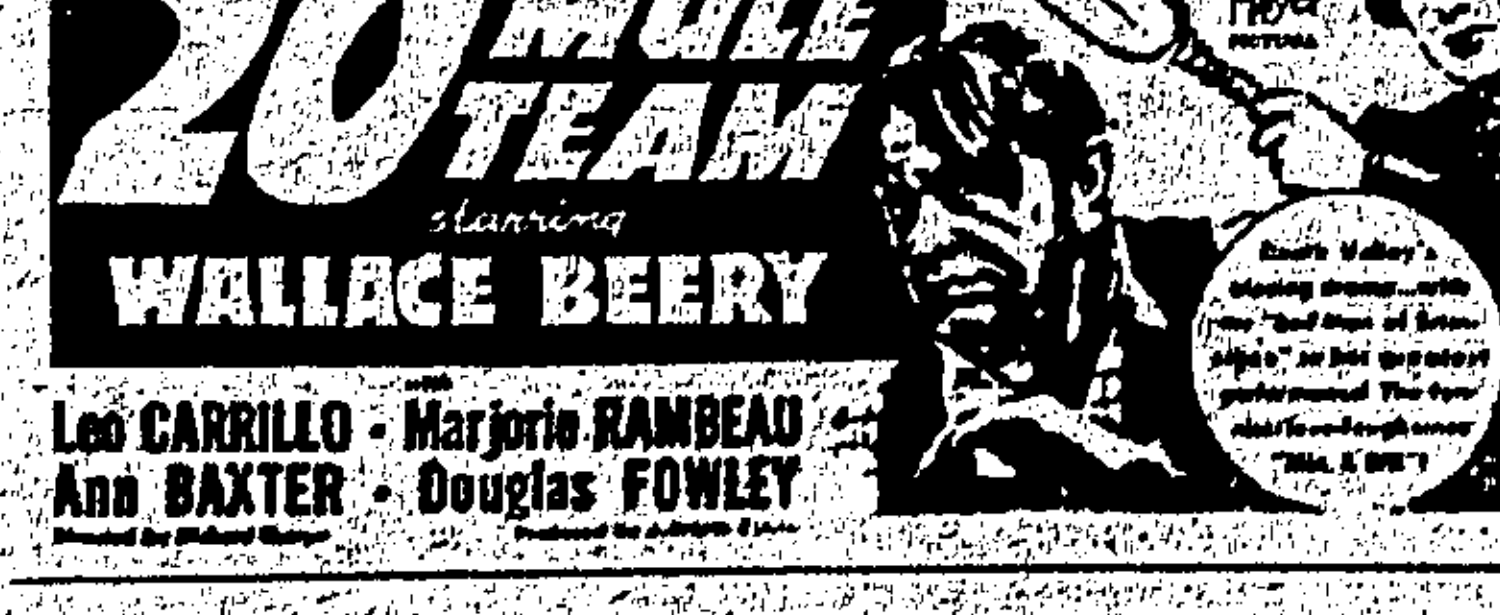
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U.S. Loan To China Meets With Universal Approval

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Central)—While American press comments reaching London registered universal approval of the American loan to China, Swedish press comments received here prove that even the people in the distant corner of Europe untouched by the war have not been deceived by the blatant comedy enacted in Nanking recently.

The STOCKHOLM TIDNINGEN interpreted the Japan-Nanking treaty as indicating that the Sino-Japanese war is no nearer its end than sometime ago. (The treaty is merely a gesture showing Japan's imitation of Axis methods. With the Burma Road re-opened and with increasing American and Russian assistance Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek feels that China can continue to fight.)

The NYHETER TIDNINGEN, leading Gothenburg paper, opined that the Japanese must be regarded as having lost. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek forever while the China campaign is a disappointment. Chungking, now feels so strong that peace discussions toiling the Japanese line are not needed. Japan must display fictitious successes, since withdrawals affect prestige.

The treaty, the paper said, savours more of dictation than real agreement. Therefore all patriotic Chinese hold Wang Ching-wei, China's Quisling, in abomination.

Wang's power extends as far as the limit of Japanese bayonets. His fate is hinged upon Japan's military power in China.

SOVIET GOODWILL

The treaty, was made without the goodwill of the Soviet Union as Soviet interests do not permit Japan to master China's teeming millions, the paper added.

JAPANESE COMB PEKING FOR MURDERER

Many Arrests Made

PEKING, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—The Japanese arrested a large number of persons during the week's house-to-house search for the murderer of the Japanese colonel on Friday, including some policemen stated to have been actually present at the time of the murder, according to Chinese reports.

Questioned as to why they did not attempt to capture the assassin, the police replied that they were unarmed and could not do anything, upon which they were severely beaten. Some are reported to have died from the injuries.

Other Chinese quarters ascribe the unrelated restrictions and continued house-to-house searches to a hunt for Chinese soldiers who mutinied last week some of whom were believed to have taken refuge in the city.

VALONA BOMBED BY R.A.F.

ITALIAN SHIPPING ALSO HARASSED

ATHENS, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—A direct hit on the stern of one ship and many near misses were observed by crews of the R.A.F. bombers which are officially stated to have attacked Italian shipping off the Albanian coast yesterday.

A raid was carried out on Valona in bad weather conditions and against heavy enemy fighter opposition. All the bombs fell in the target area but the results could not be observed.

An R.A.F. communiqué, issued in Cairo, records that one fighter among the strong patrols trying to defend Valona in the R.A.F. raid was shot down.

German Guns Again Shell Dover

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—German long-range guns, after being silent for three days, opened up shortly before noon yesterday, the shelling being described as "brief but fairly intense."

The sea was calm in the Straits of Dover yesterday with the sun shining brightly from a cloudless sky and only light mist hid the French Coast.

CAPTURE OF ARGYROCASTRON

NAZI BARGAINING COUNTER

PEKING, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—It has been suggested in diplomatic circles that the delay on the part of Germany in recognising the Wang Ching-wei "Government" is due to Germany's desire to use the recognition as a bargaining counter to force Japan to take action against Britain in the Far East.

Dusseldorf Gets Further Hammering

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—Preliminary reports of the R.A.F. raid on Dusseldorf on Saturday night show that it was as heavy and destructive as the attack last Wednesday night.

Visibility was good and pilots had no difficulty in recognising the targets—blast furnaces, steel works, gasworks, railway yards and the inland port.

Roofs caved in under the weight of bombs and explosions tore the walls of several steel works wide open.

One experienced crew said that the "largest fire ever seen" was blazing. One of Wednesday's targets included the armaments factory.

LORIENT RAID
Further details of the R.A.F.'s raid on the French Atlantic ports of Brest and Lorient on Saturday night when the Luftwaffe was "grounded" for the first time since the opening of the "Blitz" were issued on Sunday night.

Brest underwent its most severe battering so far. At the outset, fires started around the naval school. There followed a vast explosion at the power station, one observer describing the scene as like a huge blacksmith's forge from which rose showers of what looked like hot metal mingled with the debris of shattered buildings.

Incendiaries and high explosives fell on infantry and naval barracks and buildings in between.

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CELEBRATED IN ATHENS

KING AND PREMIER WILDLY CHEERED

ATHENS, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—The victory of Argyrocastron was celebrated with tremendous enthusiasm throughout Greece last night following confirmation of its occupation in a Greek communiqué earlier in the evening.

Flags were hung out in all Greek towns, and in the streets of Athens huge crowds cheered the King and General Metaxas and marched, singing the National Anthem, to General Headquarters.

In answer to the crowd's shouts the King appeared on the balcony, followed by General Metaxas.

The hooters of all ships in Athens harbour mingled with the ringing of church bells, and British soldiers marched through the streets arm in arm to be greeted everywhere with enthusiastic cheers from the crowd.

General Metaxas has sent a message of congratulation to the Greek High Command.

VIOLENT BATTLE
While Athens was rejoicing over the "second Korina" the Greek army at the front was keeping up pressure on all fronts.

Reports from the Yugoslav frontier state that the battle for Elbasan was resumed early yesterday morning with diminished violence.

A gale and snowstorm are sweeping the mountain ranges where fighting is taking place.

Greek forces advancing north of Podgradetz are beyond Udine and are progressing in the direction of a line on the shores of Lake Ohrida.

AIM OF GREEKS
Their aim is to reach the road which passes through the Skumba Valley and leads to Elbasan.

Great difficulty is being experienced in feeding guns on the mountain peaks as at many points the passes are deep in snow.

Italian deserters who crossed into Yugoslavia, are said to speak of the drooping spirits of the Italian troops, in contrast to the buoyance of the Greeks.

SOVIET COMMENT
MOSCOW, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—Italy's difficulties in the war with Greece are the subject of long articles in the Moscow newspapers.

One newspaper says that there is no doubt that the Greeks have gained considerable successes and adds that the Italian aims in Greece demand a great number of men and a great deal of material.

ITALIAN DIFFICULTIES
The Red Star, official organ of the Army, declares that the Italians encounter considerable difficulties in the transfer of troops to Albania and adds that the British Navy has been unable to establish control of the Adriatic owing to submarines although it now dominates the Aegean Sea, thereby isolating the Dodecanese Islands.

GARNARVON CASTLE IN MONTEVIDEO
MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—Reports show that ambulances sent to remove the wounded from the Garnarvon Castle were unnecessary as the men were only slightly injured, and were remaining on board.

Captain Hardy stated that he had buried the dead at sea. It is understood that he had requested permission to remain 48 hours in accordance with International Law to carry out repairs, but Uruguay naval circles are believed to have recommended permission for 72 hours.

Members of the crew were widely cheered when they went ashore.

Two Italian Generals Killed In Air Crash
LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—Two Italian generals were killed on Saturday when the military plane carrying members of the Italian armistice commission which had been negotiating with France, crashed at Bareauque, in the province of Piedmont. It was revealed yesterday.

They were General Pietro Pinno, General of the Air Force, and General Pellegini.

The plane was flying from Rome to Turin at the time of the crash, the cause of which has not yet been established.

Free French Navy

MORE SHIPS TO BE COMMISSIONED

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—More warships will shortly be put into commission for the Free French Navy.

These and a number of destroyers, torpedo-boats, submarines, minelayers, minesweepers and patrol boats were inspected by General De Gaulle in naval bases in England.

General De Gaulle also visited the training ship used as the academy of the Free French Fleet where future officers are trained.

General De Gaulle congratulated Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Navy, on the work already done and the good spirit shown by the officers and crew.

STRONG APPEAL TO FRENCH FORCES

Re-Entry Into War Urged By De Gaulle

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—A chance to turn the Italian reverses into a complete rout and to win for France a "victory of the Mediterranean" now presents itself to the French fleet and to French armies in North Africa and Syria, said General De Gaulle, the Free French leader, broadcasting a strong appeal last night to those forces "not to miss the opportunity."

He appealed to French generals, admirals, officers, soldiers, sailors and airmen throughout the French Empire to unite with free Frenchmen and to fight on with the allies for the liberation of France.

De Gaulle said: "Events are giving a magnificent opportunity for the French Army to re-enter the war and to take part in the final victory."

"France is once more uniting secretly against the enemy and rejects co-operation with Germany," he concluded.

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Sir Atholl MacGregor On Generosity Of The Public Of Colony

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"Never mind our deficit—the support of the public is the most gloriously heartening feature of a year of great expansion and success."

With these words, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Vice-President of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, concluded his remarks prior to proposing the motion that the eleventh annual report and accounts of the Society be adopted by the annual meeting. The meeting was held at the Helena May Institute.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, was present and sat at the Chairman's table.

The Chairman was supported by the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Vice-President, the Rev. A. P. Rose, Acting Hon. General Secretary, and Mr. A. McKellar, Hon. Treasurer.

SIR ATHOLL'S SPEECH
In his opening remarks, Sir Atholl said:

"Our President, Sir Robert Kotewall, is unfortunately unable to be here this evening. He has been working far too hard and on medical advice he is having a much needed rest in the New Territories. I know you will all join with me in wishing him a speedy return to good health."

"We are happy indeed to have with us His Excellency the Governor to whom on your behalf I extend a very warm and sincere welcome. The S.P.C. in each of the ten years of its existence has been fortunate enough to have not merely the encouragement but the actual presence and support of the Governor for the time being, and we regard His Excellency's presence here this evening as signal evidence, in these days of anxiety and stress, that the Society's work is appreciated and that its services to the poor of the community are recognised as valuable."

"We in turn desire to tell His Excellency how much we appreciate his finding time to attend this meeting and what encouragement we draw from his presence."

"The motion in my name on the Order paper is that the report and accounts for the past year be approved. On that motion I have little to say, for the report speaks for itself and the accounts show how full and worthwhile a year of service we have had."

TENTH YEAR
This is our tenth year and our responsibilities have risen in that time from a mere handful of children—little more than 100—to 5,000, attending and visited from eight different centres, and I am happy to say that our recent experiment of running clubs at some of our centres and lending other premises to the Boys' and Girls' Club Association has been an unqualified success.

"I shall not attempt to mention all our benefactors. But none can cavil at my choice of two benefactors. The Hongkong Jockey Club have doubled their donation which has become \$3,000."

"May I too express our very warm and unstinted thanks to Mr. Li Po-chun, our largest individual donor whose generosity has made possible an increase in the very valuable work done at our creche."

"The year's working has ended with a deficit of \$3,551. I mention that in no spirit of complaint or despondency. On the contrary I rejoice in it for there were dark months during the summer when we could see nothing before us but a deficit of at least \$7,000 owing largely to the great increase in the price of milk and cod liver oil and also to the opening and staffing of another much needed centre."

COST OF MILK
"As an instance of changed conditions, the grant of \$5,000 which Government generously gives the Society has always hitherto been sufficient to cover the cost of milk supplied by us under a gentleman's agreement with the Medical Authorities to children at Government Infant Welfare Centres and leave a good deal over for our general work. This year, however, the cost of milk supplied to these centres has risen to \$8,925, or much

more than the grant and actually a little more than the grant and our deficit together."

Sir Atholl concluded by congratulating the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, on the excellent work carried out under his direction during the year that had come to an end.

MR. THOMAS TAM

Mr. Thomas Tam, in seconding the motion that the report and accounts be adopted, said that he found in the report of the Society much cause for satisfaction. Admittedly there had been difficulties but none which had not been pleasantly surmounted.

Mr. Tam said:—"At the commencement of the year, the post of Director fell vacant through the resignation of Mr. G. P. de Martin. This was a serious setback and the Society was faced with the problem of running a worthy successor."

"Our Vice-President, despite his limited leisure and notwithstanding his completion at the time of a term of office as Chairman accepted, with his usual largeness of heart what to many must be considered an Irish promotion. We are therefore indebted to His Honour, Sir Atholl MacGregor, for having undertaken successfully a most difficult office."

"A special word of thanks is due to our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. McKellar, who during the year, in addition to his duties as financial guardian and adviser served as Acting Director and Acting General Secretary. Mr. Kwok Chan the Assistant Treasurer also rendered a service outside his usual province by translating our reports into Chinese and deserves our thanks."

GREAT LOSS

"A great loss to the Society occurred when the general evacuation of women and children took place. Besides the support of a large number of ladies who had our interest at heart, we were deprived of the services of Mrs. Crozier, who had been our Hon. General Secretary and a staunch pillar of the Society. Fortunately the Rev. A. P. Rose came to our rescue and we are grateful to him for stepping into the breach by doing the secretarial work."

"During my term of office, I have a great deal to be thankful for; the Executive Committee on whom falls the burden of determining policy and of settling points not covered by routine has been most helpful; the officers on whom devolve the difficult tasks of administration have been unsparing in their efforts."

"Time does not allow me to mention by name all those who have helped; but I wish to take advantage of this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all the members of the General and Executive Committees, the Chairman and members of the Women's Auxiliary and every officer and Branch Secretary and member of the Staff for the loyalty and support they have shown and given me."

"As regards our financial side, the Society commenced the year with a clean slate, through the generosity of an anonymous donor who gave us a cheque to wipe out the deficit of the year previous. Our income for the year although reaching a new high record was unable to cope with the heavy demands for relief."

"A new centre has been opened, but the enormity of the work still required to be done begets description. We are proud to have the confidence of the public. Needless to say we consider every cent before it is spent and I can assure our well-wishers not only of the worthiness of our cause but that that they get full value for their money."

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Sir Shouson Chow proposed the re-election en bloc for another

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Percival, Acting Commissioner of Police.

CHINESE COMPANY
Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, December 12 at 17.30 hours sharp for a general inspection of equipment etc., by the Company Commander. Dress: Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Braces, Whistle and Chin and Truncheon. "Pocket-Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Training Course—Part III. Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st floor, for instruction in Part III of Training Course under Police Sergeant R30 Thong Po Hing on Wednesday, December 11 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Training Course—Part I. Those detailed will attend No. 2 Police Station for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 10, 12, and 13 at 17.15 hours. Dress—Muti.

Training Course—Part II. Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters for instruction in Part II of Training Course under Police Sergeant R214 Channan Singh on Wednesday, December 11, and 14 at 17.30 and 14.30 hours respectively.

Leave. Lance Sergeant R232 Latif Khan has been granted 8 months' leave of absence from the Colony, as from December 4, 1940.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Strength. The following have been taken on the strength of the Emergency Unit Reserve, as from December 5, 1940:—Constables R482 J. F. Mugford, R493 E. A. Matos, R494 N. M. Tukavkin, R495 V. A. Rodionoff, and R496 I. M. da Silva.

Training Course—Pt. II. Those detailed will attend at No. 2 Police Station for instruction in Part II of Training Course under Lance

Unsolved Mystery In Shanghai

DISAPPEARANCE OF CHINESE BANKER

The disappearance of Mr. Percy Chu, Chinese banker and financier, of Shanghai on Nov. 29 continued to remain a mystery as, although several days have passed since then, no report has yet been made to the Settlement Police. No ransom note either has been received by the relatives of the missing man, reports the North China Daily News.

Mr. Chu, it was alleged, was kidnapped in Avenue Haig near Edinburgh Road at about 9.30 a.m. on Friday by three men. Chinese farmers, it was reported, had seen a man struggling with three men somewhere in the western district. The car was later found abandoned in a field near Jessfield Park.

CHAUFFEUR DISAPPEARS

It is known, however, that the chauffeur made his way to the victim's home where he collected his kit and disappeared. Searches undertaken to locate him brought no results, and the kidnapping continues to remain as mysterious as on the first day when it was confirmed by several business colleagues of the victim, none of whom, nevertheless, could give any details.

The victim's home was questioned on the disappearance and there, too, no information could be obtained, while the Police is at a loss, being unable to do anything since they have not the slightest thread by which to start the investigations.

Sergeant R481 E. R. Butcher on Wednesday, and Friday, December 11 and 13 at 17.15 hours.

Greener Gun Drill. Squads 10-12 will attend for Greener Gun practice on Wednesday, December 11. Van will leave Queen's Pier at 17.00 hours. Dress—optional.

Squads 4-6 will attend for Greener Gun practice on Sunday, December 15. Van will leave Queen's Pier at 10.00 hours. Dress—Blue Uniform.

Training Course—Part I. Members who have been so detailed will attend for instruction in Part I of Training Course at the Police Training School, Kowloon.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

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Hongkong, Dec. 9, 1940.

U.S. \$6,300,000 PLANE FUNDS RAISED

More than U.S. \$6,300,000 and 1,000,000 pesos have been raised in America and the Philippines respectively for the purchase of airplanes for China, declared Mr. Chen Ching-yun, member of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, who arrived here after a tour in the two countries supervising the Chinese Airplane Fund Campaign. He will shortly proceed to Chungking to submit a report on his mission to the Central authorities.

Mr. Chen left for the Philippines last summer with Mr. Tai Kwai-sheng, also member of the Kuomintang C.E.C. After a brief stay there, he proceeded to Hawaii and America, leaving Mr. Tai to supervise the drive in the Philippines. In America, he first stopped at San Francisco, where he made necessary arrangements, and then visited over 70 cities in the United States, Canada and the central and southern parts of the continent. Everywhere he went, he said, he

noticed great respect and admiration for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek displayed by the overseas Chinese and their firm confidence in the ultimate victory of the war. The fund campaign, he said, received wholehearted and enthusiastic response from them all.

EXCEED PLEDGES

At Fresno, California, Mr. Chen revealed, there are only over 300 Chinese, but they pledged as much as U.S. \$50,000. Three thousand Chinese in Chicago originally pledged U.S. \$500,000, but the sums received have exceeded the amounts pledged.

Many interesting incidents occurred during the campaign in America, Mr. Chen stated. During a campaign meeting in Vancouver, an elder over 60 years of age, who earned his living by cultivating vegetables, joined and upon learning of the purpose of the drive, gave his entire life savings in the form of eleven U.S.\$100 notes.

In Trinidad, two brothers who sold ice-cream donated their savings amounting to U.S.\$2,400. More than 10 children there of seven or eight years old also supported the campaign by giving their gift money ranging from U.S. \$30 to U.S. \$80.

A Chinese couple in San Francisco displayed exceptional enthusiasm in the drive. The husband donated U.S. \$1,000, while the wife, U.S. \$500.

Amounts so far pledged by the Chinese in various places in America, Mr. Chen revealed, include the following: San Francisco, U.S. \$1,000,000; New York, U.S. \$1,000,000; Chicago, U.S. \$500,000; Boston, U.S. \$200,000; Canada, U.S.

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POLICE REPORTS

The theft of 200 pounds of brass turnings from the Kowloon Canton Railway on Sunday has been reported to the Police. The turnings were valued at \$100.

Lee Lai-hoi reports that \$207 in money was stolen from his person on Sunday between Wing On Street and Queen's Road Central.

The quarantine restrictions imposed by the port of Shanghai against arrivals from Hongkong, on account of cholera have been removed.

\$600,000; and Cuba, U.S. \$250,000. In addition U.S. \$200,000 has been raised in Hawaii.

The campaign in both America and the Philippines, according to Mr. Chen, will be brought to a close about the end of January 1941.

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BETRAYAL IN THE AXIS

WHICHEVER WAY one looks at the confusion which the Axis Powers have created for themselves, the threads all lead back to Berlin, where the chief plotter sits today—a picture of fury and gloomy foreboding as more and more evidence begins to accumulate that his scheme for acquiring domination over the world are not going according to plan. Which way should he turn to extricate himself from his growing difficulties and how should he set about it so that he might still retain some vestige of the self-glory with which he has surrounded himself? The further he delves into the details of his present political, military and economic position, the more he must realise how his scope for securing an advantage in either of these fields is daily narrowing down. In his heart he must be longing for peace, but the Teutonic obstinacy and ruthlessness which he has acquired from a long and black record of German history still holds sway. Now that methods of brute force have been unmistakably checked, his mind will turn to trickery and cheating to try and make his own position safe. That this is the coward's way out of his difficulties will not stop him from carrying it out, if he becomes convinced that it will save his own skin.

AND SO IT IS today that rumours of treachery, betrayal and double-crossing within the Axis are beginning to gain ground. The effects of the disastrous setback which Italy has received in her Greek campaign and the sudden check which has brought Herr Hitler's own diplomatic drive to a standstill provide the reasons for this feeling in Europe and, in spite of the fact that a great deal of speculation has crept into these reports, there are indisputable facts which show that recourse to this deplorable policy is the only alternative left to Herr Hitler if he wishes to avoid complete humiliation. The utter failure of Signor Mussolini to make good his position as the Junior Partner of the Axis has obviously placed him in the position of being the first of Herr Hitler's partners to be callously left to his fate. No one realises better than Herr Hitler the terrible risks which will be attendant on any plans he might have considered for helping Signor Mussolini. The inefficiency which Il Duce has shown in

APPEAL REGARDING PROPERTY IN N.T.

An appeal against the decision of Mr. J. Barrow, Land Officer, Northern District, regarding property at Muk Kai Tau Village, New Territories, was heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Appeal Court, yesterday.

Appellant was Wu Tat-shau, who was represented by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. B. C. Hobbs, and respondents were Wu For-wen and Wu Shui-ia, represented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks.

Mr. Chen said that the appeal was under the New Territories Regulations of 1910, and was an appeal against the decision of Mr. Barrow, delivered on July 11, that there were three existing branches of the Wu Nam Tong Tso of which the petitioners (the respondents in the present action) are representatives of the first and fourth branches, respectively, and that the plaintiff (appellant in the present case) is the representative of the third branch, and that the three men should be registered as managers of the landed property of the Wu Nam Tong Tso at Muk Kai Tau village.

"CHUK PO"

Counsel sought that the decision be tested and set aside on the grounds:

(a) That the Land Officer was wrong in not taking full cognizance of the "chuk po" of the appellant, showing the family tree through 18 generations;

(b) That the landed property of the Wu Nam Tong Tso at Muk Kai Tau village were under the control and administration of the father and grand-father of the appellant prior to June 9, 1893, the date of the lease of the New Territories.

as the direct descendant of the Wu Nam Tong Tso through 14 generations; and

(c) That the Land Officer was erroneous in his finding of the facts.

Mr. Macnamara objected to the first ground of the appeal on the ground that in the Lower Court it was agreed between the three men that the "chuk po" was to drop out of the evidence and was not to be referred to again. He, therefore, found it difficult to see how plaintiff could re-introduce "chuk po" into the case, and quoted authorities in support of his contention that that evidence could not be re-introduced.

Mr. Chen said that the Land Officer was wrong to ask plaintiff whether he agreed or not to have the word "chuk po" dropped out of the evidence.

PARTIES AGREED.

The Chief Justice said that according to the records before him all parties agreed not to use "chuk po" as evidence, and he could not go beyond that unless Mr. Chen could quote him authorities to permit his doing so.

In his opinion, went on his Lordship, it was perfectly clear that all parties voluntarily agreed not to use the family tree as evidence.

He would, accordingly, strike out the first ground of appeal.

Mr. Chen then applied for leave to abandon the appeal.

The Chief Justice dismissed the appeal with costs.



Mrs. En Tong-sen in conversation with Mr. W. R. Scott, Deputy Commissioner of Police, at the Valley race meeting.

NEWSETTES

Mr. A. Brockett, of the Canadian National Railway, left Hongkong on Saturday for Shanghai.

Sir John Latham, Australia's first Minister to Japan, left for Tokyo yesterday morning.

A meeting of the Evacuation Representative Committee will be held today at the Peninsula Hotel, at 5.15 p.m.

Mr. L. G. Cousins, of the British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd., has gone on a visit to Shanghai.

Mr. Wallace Harper, Managing Director, Wallace Harper & Co. Ltd., left Hongkong on Saturday for San Francisco.

Rear-Admiral A. M. Peters and Mrs. Peters left Hongkong for the United Kingdom, via San Francisco, on Saturday.

Two appeals against the ruling of the Compulsory Services Tribunal were heard by the Appeal Board in the Chief Justice's Chambers yesterday afternoon.

The Government Trained Teachers' Association will hold their second annual dinner dance at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel, on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m.

Dr. Li Ying-lam, Chancellor of Lingnan University, will be the speaker at the Y's Men's Club luncheon meeting at St. Francis Hotel on Thursday. His subject will be "A Trip to the north of Kwangtung."

Mr. V. E. Ferrier will address the Hongkong Rotary Club today on "Motoring Experiences in South China." At the meeting of the Club on Tuesday next, Dec. 17, Mr. D. L. Dowson will speak on "Some Thoughts of an Amateur Economist."

A daughter was born on November 17, at the International Hospital, Kobe, to Joanne, wife of H.H.D. Wade, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Shanghai.

The marriage took place on November 30, at St. Peter's Church, Avenue Dubail, Shanghai, by Rev. E. Moulis, of Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Z. Dao, of Shanghai to Guy, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Fay, of Cannes, France.

The engagement is announced between Colin, son of the late Norman Maclean, and of Mrs. Maclean, of St. Leonard's, Sussex, and Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ballingall, of Shanghai.

CLIPPER AGAIN DELAYED

Pan American Airways CALIFORNIA CLIPPER, bringing U.S. mails, dated San Francisco, Dec. 1 and 4, has again been delayed and is now expected to arrive in Hongkong on Thursday, Dec. 12, and will leave the next morning.

The PHILIPPINE CLIPPER, bringing U.S. mails dated San Francisco, Dec. 12, is expected to arrive in Hongkong on Tuesday next, Dec. 17 and will leave the following morning.

Mr. I. E. Heath, of No. 140, Boundary Street, while driving in Nathan Road on Sunday night collided with the traffic "island" near the Alhambra Theatre. The car was damaged, but Mr. Heath escaped without any injuries.

WORLD PROBLEM SOLUTION

Abolition Of All Artificial Standards Of Currency

The abolition of all artificial standards of currency—including gold and silver—and the substitution, therefore, by a new standard tentatively known as "man hour"—removal of all restrictions on production—and the payment of a fixed minimum salary of \$100 per month to every adult—were among the changes advocated by Mr. D. K. Paul during the course of a very interesting talk, entitled "Difficulties of the Modern World, and a solution," given to members of St. Andrew's Club, at the St. Andrew's Church Hall last evening.

Mr. Paul, who was introduced by Mr. Henry Kew, stated that the cause of war—whether in Europe or in China—was mainly economic. It was not a question of differences in birth, or creed, but of economic control. Capitalism is doomed. There must be state socialism or else civilisation itself will be doomed.

THEORY EXPLAINED.

Explaining his theory, Mr. Paul said that his solution "would involve the computation of cost on the basis of working hours. Presuming that the population is 100—40 men and 60 women with 20 children—and the total working hours are 6,400 per month; to find the cost of production, divide \$10,000 (salary for the 100 persons) by 6,400 (working hours). The cost, or price factor, would be 1.5. The cost of any article would then be arrived at by multiplying the number of working hours necessary to produce that article by the price factor."

Referring to the import and export trade, the speaker advocated the establishing of a Central Bank of the World where the various standards of hours—calculated on the standard of living of each country—could be cleared yearly. In this Utopia there would be provision for private companies in the present sense of the term. There might be private enterprises but all would be under state supervision.

The speaker was thanked by Mr. A. C. Jeffreys at the conclusion of the general discussion held after the talk.

POLICE WATCHING RICE SHOPS

The Police are keeping a vigilant eye on rice shops to ensure strict adherence to the prices fixed by the Controller of Food.

The retailers are now charging that the importers are quoting such prices as would not permit of their selling at the prices fixed by Government.



Lieut. Reginald Bertram Wood, of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, with his bride, formerly Miss Isabella Joan Scott, leaving St. John's Cathedral under an archway of flowers after their marriage ceremony yesterday afternoon. The Very Rev. J. L. Wilson officiated and the best man was L. D. G. Wilson, H.K.N.V.F. The reception was held at the Talkoo Recreation Club (King's Studio).

JAPANESE COMMANDEER H.K. TRADING BOAT

Licence And All Arms On Board Handed Over

A fishing junk arriving in Shaokwan an hour before midnight between Sunday and Monday had on board no fewer than 72 men, women and children, an original crew of 40 being reinforced by 32 persons put on board off a trading boat commandeered by a Japanese trawler.

The Japanese confiscated a junk, cargo and money to a total value of \$7,450 after halting the two junks some 10 miles south of Ping Hol.

The junk taken away in tow by the trawler was a trading vessel, No. T4240H, registered in Hongkong. She carried a cargo valued at \$4,425.

To Wing-on, master of fishing junk 1863HW, which returned to Hongkong with the 72 persons aboard, reported to the police that he left Shaokwan on Dec. 6. He was stopped by the trawler about 11 a.m. the following day when the Japanese opened fire at him with machine-guns.

He immediately lowered his sail and the trawler came alongside, a dozen Japanese boarding, armed with rifles, revolvers and short swords. They made signs to him and he understood they wanted his licence and all arms and ammunition on board.

He gave this over, having three rifles, three muskets, a revolver and 350 rounds of ammunition. The Japanese also took \$30 from him and \$300 they found in a box in one of the cabins.

The trawler then steamed away in the direction of Sam Mui Kwan but after some 20 minutes changed its course, heading in a S. S. E. direction, toward the trading junk that had into sight. After opening fire on this junk, the trawler went alongside it and remained in this position about half-an-hour.

The Japanese proceeded to tow the trading junk in the direction of the fishing junk and came alongside a second time. Thirty-two men were transferred on to his junk, when the trawler again put on steam, proceeding toward Sam Mui Kwan with the trading junk in tow.

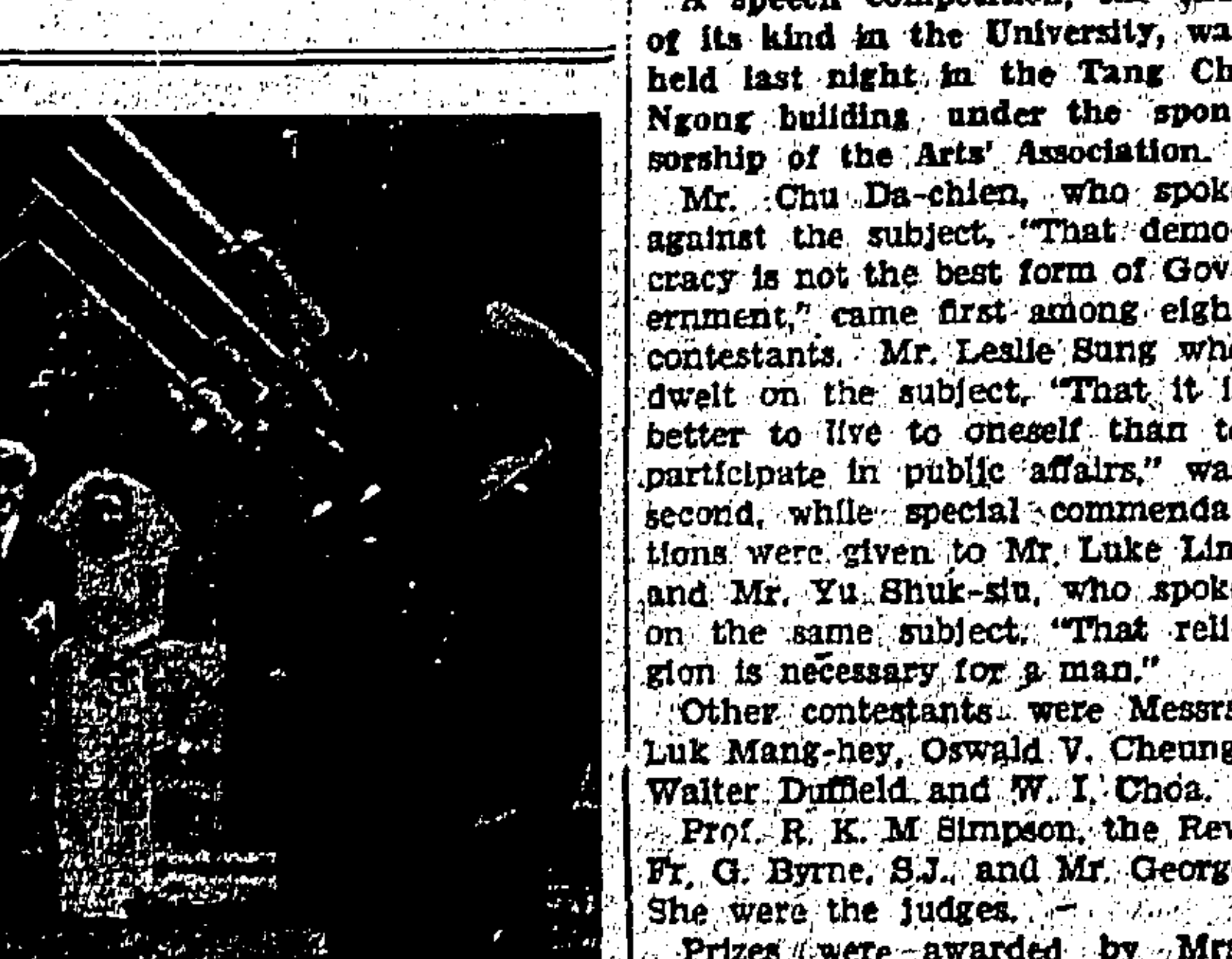
Another report. Hui Ming-cheung, master of trading junk T4240H, who has also made a report of the incident to the police, stated that he left Luk Fong for Hongkong on Dec. 6. He had 10 other men in his crew and there were 21 passengers and cargo owners on board. The cargo he carried consisted of 62 pigs, valued at \$2,400, 80 caskets of preserved plums, valued at \$900, and two crates of keese, valued at \$1,000.

Two Japanese boarded his junk and ordered all on board into different holds. He was called up on deck to steer and later all on board were transferred on to fishing junk 1863HW.

The junk he lost was valued at \$2,000 and he lost also cargo and arms to a total value in all of \$6,725.

R. SCOTS GOING TO KOWLOON

The 2nd Batt. The Royal Scots will move into Nanking Barracks, Shamshulpo, in the near future. The present occupiers, the 1st Batt. The Middlesex Regiment will move into Murray Barracks (at present occupied by the Royal Scots) and will take over the various stations occupied by that Regiment.



The contest was attended by a fairly large gathering. Mr. H. McKenzie, Arts Faculty member, who is President of the Association, was present. Refreshments were served later.

STRAINED AXIS RELATIONS IN SHANGHAI?

For the past several months, local Germans and Italians have met together at the German School in Great Western Road, Shanghai, every Thursday night. On the night of Nov. 23, however, reports the North China Daily News, only Germans were present. Apparently, invitations were not sent to Italians.

It was also learned on Nov. 23 that the Italian flag painted on the side of the ss. Conte Verde, the large Italian passenger boat which sought refuge in Shanghai when Italy declared war on Great Britain and France, was being painted out on Nov. 23.

FAITH IN FUTURE OF COLONY

BRISK BIDDING AT LAND SALE

Faith in the future of the Colony was demonstrated at the sale of Crown Land which took place at the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon when, within five minutes of the commencement of the sale, the upset price was raised by \$1,100 to bids of \$100 each.

The land in question was L. L. 6076, situated at Blue Pool Road, having an area of 31,000 square feet and with an upset price of \$12,400 (or 40 cents per square foot).

Two of the conditions of the sale were that property valued at not less than \$30,000 is to be built within 24 months after the sale; and that only European style residences, or a school is to be built thereon.

EXCEEDINGLY BRISK. Bidding was exceedingly brisk, so much so that within ten minutes the upset price was raised by \$5,200; to \$23,100 within 15 minutes; and was finally knocked down at \$23,500 (over 75 cents per square foot) after 16 minutes. The purchaser was Mr. Chang Kok Sang, elder brother of Chang Kok Yau, of No. 78, Morrison Hill Road, who was represented at the auction by Mr. Chang Chuak Fan. Mr. B. H. C. Hallows, Asst. Supt. of Surveys, conducted the sale.

FIRST OF ITS KIND

Speech Competition At University

A speech competition, the first of its kind in the University, was held last night in the Tang Chi Ngong building, under the sponsorship of the Arts Association.

Mr. Chu Da-chien, who spoke against the subject, "That democracy is not the best form of Government," came first among eight contestants. Mr. Leslie Sung who dwelt on the subject, "That it is better to live to oneself than to participate in public affairs" was second, while special commendations were given to Mr. Luke Lim and Mr. Yu Shuk-siu, who spoke on the same subject, "That religion is necessary for a man."

Other contestants were Messrs. Luk Mang-hey, Oswald V. Cheung, Walter Duffield, and W. I. Choa. Prof. R. K. M. Simpson, the Rev. Fr. G. Byrne, S.J., and Mr. George She were the judges.

Prizes were awarded by Mrs. Simpson. The contest was attended by a fairly large gathering. Mr. H. McKenzie, Arts Faculty member, who is President of the Association, was present. Refreshments were served later.

CORRESPONDENCE

DUST MENACE AT NORTH POINT

To The Editor, H.K. Daily Press.

Sir,—Those of your readers who have occasion to go to North Point along King's Road must have certainly noticed the white misty air in the vicinity of the Stone Crushing and Tarring Plant of the Public Works Department. The white mist is caused by the great amount of dust thrown out by the stone crushers when they are operating. Built in days when there were few or no people living in its close proximity, no provision was made to absorb the dust created by the crushers. There are now several modern apartment houses not 500 yards away. Those who live in these houses are compelled to have their windows closed to shut out the dust. The air is simply too thick for breathing.

Will the department concerned take immediate steps to equip the plant with devices for the absorption of the dust, as is always done in other cities?

One work for the Protector of Labourers of the Colony, who is taking such keen interest in the safety devices in the local factories. Those workers, who must stand in the very taxed vicinity of the crushers, must find their breathing hard taxed. In my opinion these workers should be provided with dust-filtering masks for the benefit of their health.

As good deeds must start at home, I suggest that the Protector of Labourers look into the conditions prevailing in Government-owned work shops.

Thanking you for the space and your tolerance.

Yours, etc.,

A RESIDENT.

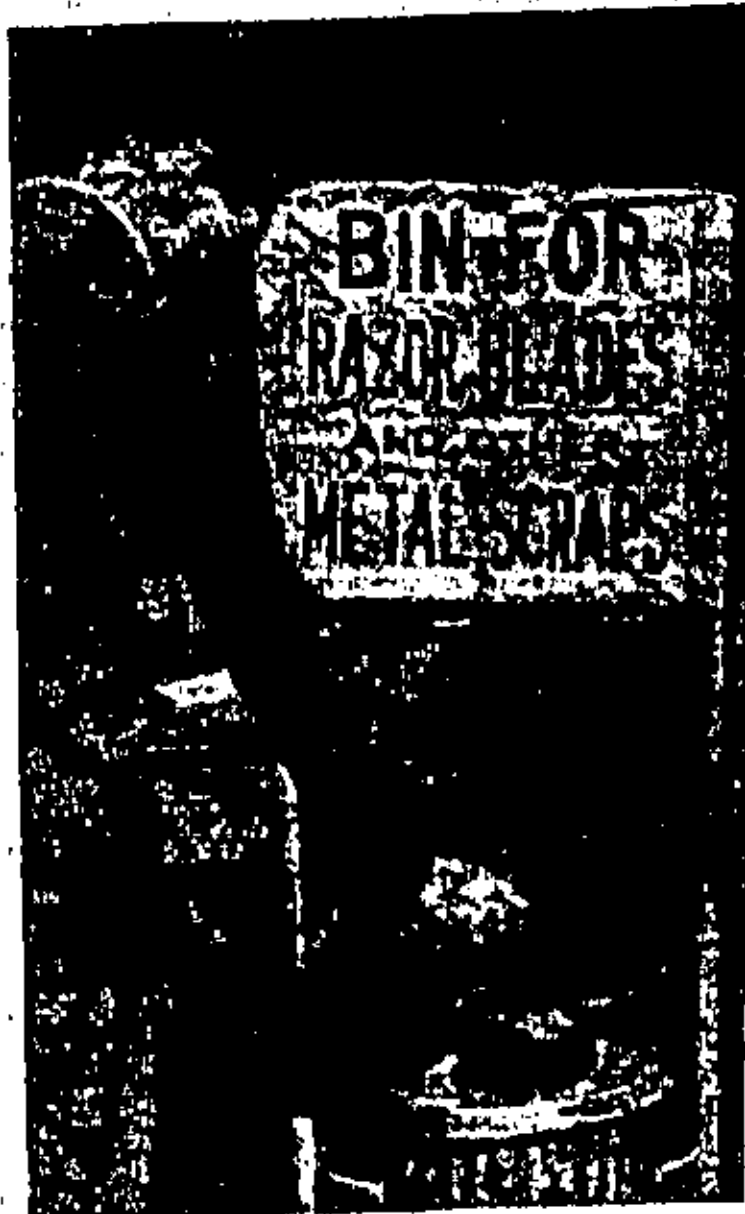
PUBLIC REVENUE PROTECTION

The following Government Gazette Extraordinary was published yesterday:—

HONGKONG
Ordinance No. 9 of 1927. (Public Revenue Protection)

I, Lieutenant-General Edward Felix Norton, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, Officer Administering the Government of the Colony and its dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927, do by this Order authorise the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, during the period of four months from the date of this Order (Dec. 7, 1940), to refuse to allow the delivery of dutiable liquors for local use from ship side.

ARTIFICIAL SIDELIGHTS OF BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORTS



The question of what to do with old razor blades has been solved in Bristol. The solution of the problem aids the nation's scrap metal collection campaign.

HELLENIC TRADER DETAINED

According to a wire received by the local agent, Mr. Dwight Hill, from the master of the Hellenic Trader, the vessel is still being detained by the Japanese in Holland.

Although the vessel is holding satisfactory at present there is always the possibility that the plates damaged when the vessel went aground on Friday might widen.

The Hellenic Trader formerly sailed under the Greek flag but was sold to American interests in October when it was transferred to the Panama flag. She is valued at £50,000.

No reply has been received by the Panama Consul to his protest, lodged with the Japanese Consul-General, in connexion with the detention of the vessel.

JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY

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Mr. Matsuoka said the ultimate aim of Japan was to sound an understanding with the Netherlands East Indies and the neighbouring countries, mentioning Siam, Burma, Malaya, etc.

IMMEDIATE CONCERN

The Foreign Minister said that the possibility of United States warships using Singapore would be the immediate concern to Japan, but stressed that no such eventuality is at present in view. He declared that the Nanking Treaty did not close the door of peace with Chungking, but added that such a peace is "a little far away."

The United States loan to Chungking was deplored as "prolonging our troubles" but Mr. Matsuoka sees no chance of modifying the China policy to please the United States, because "we believe we are doing the right thing."

Mr. Matsuoka concluded by asking if anyone could tell him whether the United States is drifting to war. "That is an important question, for thereon hangs the fate of humanity."

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 70 and the minimum 65 compared with 75 and 63 on Sunday.

Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 84.41.

The Royal Observatory reports states:

The anticyclone has weakened considerably and now exists as a wedge of high pressure over Manchuria and the Sea of Japan; the depression is situated in the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido, and a typhoon or depression to the south-east of Guam probably moving north-east.

BARRIERS TO EMPIRE TRAVEL & SETTLEMENT

T.U.C. Chairman Advocates Formation Of Special Trust

LONDON, DEC. 9 (BRITISH WIRELESS).—"IT SHOULD BE A SOLEMN RESOLVE BY THE HOME AND DOMINION GOVERNMENTS that when peace comes they will no longer allow the Empire to be a closed book to the bulk of its people but will do all in their power to cheapen, not only ocean travel between different parts of the Empire but to afford special facilities to Empire travellers after they have set foot in the Home country or in the Dominions," said Mr. George Gibson, Chairman of the Trades Union Congress, in a broadcast talk last night.

"Indeed, what I desire to see is the setting up of a body that will do for Empire travel what the motor bus has done for rural communities, what the big caterer has done for the cake trade, what cheap excursion could do in peacetime for railway travel, and under the plan I visualise a steady ebb and flow of holidays, makers between the Dominions and the Mother country with a constant strengthening of the bonds of Empire."

Mr. Gibson explained that he would like to see an Imperial travel trust which would build or have converted a few liners specially planned for the purpose of conveying passengers between the Mother country and the Dominions at a low rate.

LENGTH OF HOLIDAY

Regarding the length of time required for such holidays Mr. Gibson said: "Government has already encouraged grants of annual holidays with pay and Government ought to make possible for people to forfeit their annual holidays for one or two years to accumulate sufficient time to permit them travel within the Empire."

If that were done, hundreds of thousands of our people could by slight self-denial for one or two years accumulate both time and

money sufficient to enable them to accomplish the dream of their lives—seeing relatives in the Dominions in the flesh.

EXCHANGE OF WORKERS

Mr. Gibson added: "I would like further, and in conjunction with the scheme, to initiate a system of industrial scholarships which would enable British and Dominion workers to exchange places for a period of say six twelve months on lines similar to that which has been so successful in the interchange of teachers and the welcome would operate whether the Bursar was a bus driver, engineer or textile operative."

"Most important of all, I would like to see an inter-Empire children's scholarship scheme established, that boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 16 could exchange with their counterparts in South Africa, Canada or the other Dominions for periods of six or twelve months."

UNIFYING EMPIRE

"Finally, I want to see members of the great Empire family drawn closer and closer together, each equally sharing the benefits and privileges of peace as they share the trials and tribulations of war. 'Is there any reason why we should continue to tolerate artificial barriers to Empire travel and Empire settlement?' he concluded."

Greek Troops Continue Advance Into Albania

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British soldiers, sailors and airmen were carried shoulder-high through the streets by enthusiastic Athenians.

The Greek Government had now published a White Book with proofs that Italy's attack was planned as far back as April last year.

It revealed that acts of war were committed by the Italians, even before the torpedoing of the Greek cruiser, Helene, in August. On July 12, the book reveals, an auxiliary cruiser, two destroyers and two submarines were bombed.

Two secret Italian documents, dated six days before the ultimatum was given, are stated to have contained instructions for the Greek frontier guards to be annihilated six days before the attack. It is evident from this book that the Greek Government kept this knowledge secret in order not to excite public opinion. This shows how determine the Greek Government was to maintain strict neutrality.

INGENUOUS PROPAGANDA

The latest propaganda about Greece by the Rome Radio is ingenious, the broadcast says that the Greek forces have not succeeded in breaking the Italian lines and that the Greek advance had spent itself without gaining decisive results. The broadcast added lamely, that there may be a few encounters in which the Italians will not take the initiative.

A report from Athens referring to the recent resignations in Italy says they have increased the general disquiet in the country.

The Rome Radio denies this and says that the story is being spread by foreign agencies and is completely false.

Nevertheless, adds the London message, this is the view generally put forward in the world press.

The MANCHESTER GUARDIAN says: "Signor Mussolini is now alive to his own danger. He knows what sort of questions are being whispered among the Italian people."

Since the resignations have been announced, the Italian High Command has been further weakened by the death of two Generals in a plane crash. Both of them are stated to have been members of the Italian delegation to the French armistice negotiations.

IN SEARCH OF ENEMY RAIDER

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—A number of British warships are reported to be searching for the enemy raider which came into battle with H.M.S. Carnarvon Castle.

A German freighter which recently left Tampico but returned to the port, is reported to have set herself on fire yesterday, when she encountered a British warship. She is stated to be the supply ship for the German raider in South Atlantic.

MAY ESTABLISH CONTACT

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—It is rumoured here that the British cruiser H.M.S. Enterprise may establish contact with the German raider in the region of Samborombon Bay off the coast of Argentine near the mouth of the River Plate.

French Wine Merchant Executed

A French wine merchant was executed in Paris yesterday for permitting an act of violence against the German armed forces, states a London message.

The message adds that in Lyons, over 1,100 arrests have taken place since July last.

A German statement referring to Alsace said "Alsace belongs to Germany by blood and culture," General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Forces, in a broadcast to the French troops in Syria and North Africa said: "In spite of defeat and infamy all Free France is once more uniting secretly against the enemy."

"France rejects collaboration with Germany."

HITLER-LAVAL MEETING OFF

Blow To Scheme For Berlin-Paris Axis

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—The Berlin announcement that M. Laval's visit to the German capital will not take place was not unexpected. Over a week ago it was reported that Marshal Petain had stopped the plans for the visit on the ground that Laval could only agree to concessions to which Petain and the rest of the Cabinet could not.

The London Sunday Times yesterday discussed the report that Hitler was toying with the idea of getting France's support in place of Italy, and says that it is clear that in his negotiations with Laval, Hitler toyed with the idea of getting France as a partner in Italy's place.

Up to a point, Italy's failure is Laval's opportunity—but Laval's opportunity does not go beyond a certain point, because French faith in Britain is steadily recovering and neither France nor Italy are likely to be impressed at Hitler again employed in a game of double-crossing.

PASSENGERS

DEPARTURES FROM THE COLONY

The following passengers left Hongkong on Saturday:

Mr. W. F. Alexander, Mr. A. A. Armstrong, Miss Claire Azadian, Dr. Bernardo Batiz B, Mr. A. Brostedt, Mr. W. D. Brewer, Mr. John B. Botelho, Mrs. H. G. Burke, Miss P. R. Burke, Mr. W. H. Barton, Mr. L. Bistis, Mr. Manuel Cuadros, Mr. L. G. Cousins, Mr. F. E. Dewar, Mr. Francois d'Hardivilliers, Mr. Joseph Fister, J. Mr. U. G. Frondori, Mr. D. P. Gibbons, Mr. J. G. Garlow, Mr. Max Haeffell, Mr. Wallace Harper, Mr. H. W. Moches, Mr. T. A. O'Brien, Mr. J. J. Ollott, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Phillips, Mr. Kenneth K. Rounds, Mr. J. Russell, Mr. P. Russellos, Mr. E. S. Savage, Mr. R. H. Stevenson, Mr. J. Souza, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Simkin, Miss D. E. Simkin, Miss M. R. Simkin, Mr. S. S. Stashak, Mr. E. S. Spalding, Mr. A. H. Terry, Mrs. Ruth C. Thomson, Mr. Alan C. Thomson, Miss Marjorie Thomson, Mr. Bobb Thomson, Mr. Y. R. Whiteside, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wilke, Mr. A. S. Hill.

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TO PLUNDER, SLAUGHTER AND STEAL: WHAT HITLER HAS DONE TO EUROPE

A Picture Of Organised Pillage

"If Herr Hitler were to win this war, the world will be put back a thousand years. . . . To plunder, to slaughter, to steal—these are the things they (the Nazis) call Empire. . . . In preparing the Germans for this war Herr Hitler did his work well. He makes them say in his 'Mein Kampf': 'We wish to have no other god but Germany!'"

The above are a few of the quotations given by the diplomatic correspondent of THE TIMES, when he broadcast from London yesterday giving a review of a book published recently by that newspaper on conditions in Nazi occupied Europe.

TO FIGHT ON

The speaker referred to the fact that in Britain today one met many people from European countries who had come there to seek refuge from the evils of the Nazi regime. All these people had come there with but one thought—TO FIGHT ON.

"Talk to them," said the speaker, "and you will get an idea of what Herr Hitler has done to Europe. There is hardly one of them who does not remember a special act of cruelty—a father shot, a sister driven out of her home, a brother in a concentration camp."

BIG PETROL DUMP SET ABLAZE

CAIRO, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—The heavy R.A.F. night bombing attack on Castel Benito, a town in Tripoli, was described in a special R.A.F. communique issued here last night which states that many bombs, including incendiaries, were dropped from low altitudes.

Hits are claimed on all five aerodromes, two of which were set on fire. Tremendous explosions followed. Petrol and bomb dumps, the administrative offices and the quarters all received hits.

Large fires were started among the buildings north-west of the aerodrome. A column of black smoke from the petrol dump fire rose 2,000 feet at least. The fires were visible 50 miles away.

AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

Eight aircraft dispersed in the aerodrome and near the hangars were destroyed, and many more damaged by incendiaries. Machine-gunning was carried out from as low as 250 feet.

The attack appeared to have been a complete surprise and all the aircraft returned safely.

ENEMY RAID

It is now confirmed that of the three Italian bombers which attempted to raid Bura in Kenya on Nov. 22 only one escaped from the British fighters.

One of the bombers, it is now established, made a forced landing 60 miles from Bura. Four of the crew were captured but the fifth was killed. The second bomber was shot down in flames. Various reconnaissance flights were carried out over enemy territory on all fronts.

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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

IMPERSONATOR GAOLED

Stating that he was working together with Chief Detective Inspector Murphy, a man, by means of this false pretence, obtained an overcoat from a district watchman.

This was revealed yesterday when Chan Kam-wan, 23, unemployed, was charged before Mr. G.T. Lowry with impersonating a Police officer, at Lockhart Road on Saturday, with the purpose of searching Wan Ngau. Chan was additionally charged with obtaining an overcoat by pretending that he was postman No. 82, on Dec. 4.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley said that at about 12 p.m. on Saturday defendant stopped complainant in the street and said he was a policeman and wanted to search complainant.

On further inquiries being made it was found out that at about 9.50 p.m. defendant went up to district watchman No. 85 and told him that he was working with C.D.I. Murphy and, as the weather was cold, asked him to lend him his overcoat.

Sgt. Bentley added that defendant was formerly a constable in Chinese territory and also used to be a watchman at Prince's Building but lost his job owing to negligence.

Sentence of one month's imprisonment on each count, with sentences to run concurrently, was imposed.

ALLEGED THIEF REMANDED

Ho Lan, 26, married woman, was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with stealing a jewellery box containing \$411 and a gold bangle, valued at \$109.80 from No. 119 Lockhart Road, second floor, on Thursday.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison said that the complainant, Chan Kang-kwan, 31, married woman, to sweep the floor of the above address. On that day, during complainant's absence, defendant stole the box from the bed and disappeared.

Inquiries were made and defendant was found living in West Point. The bangle had been sold by defendant and only \$310 was recovered.

He was remanded for 24 hours for her husband to be called.

JUVENILE CANED

Charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday in the Juvenile Court with stealing from No. 96 Shaukiwan Road, ground floor, on Dec. 6, money and articles to the total value of \$116, a 16-year-old boy was given 12 strokes of the cane and also bound over for six months to be of good behaviour.

LARCENY FROM SINCERE'S

Pleading guilty before Mr. Lowry yesterday to a charge of stealing one tin of three tennis balls, valued at \$3.45, from the Sincere's Company on Sunday, Kwok Kwan, 23, unemployed cook boy, was bound over in the sum of \$10 to be of good behaviour for six months.

ARMS IN SHAUKIWAN

Charged with unlawful possession of arms, Yip Yun, 25, apprentice fitter, and Liu Kwong, 25, unemployed electrician, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday when they were discharged.

They were alleged to "have in their possession" a revolver, five rounds of ammunition and a knife at an unnumbered house above Cheung Lok Theatre, Shaukiwan on Nov. 19 without a licence.

Det. Sub-Inspr. W. N. Darkin prosecuted. Mr. C. A. Sutherland, appearing for both defendants, pleaded not guilty.

Inspr. Darkin said that on Nov. 19 at 11 p.m. a police party led by Divisional Inspector W. A. Russell, raided the house in question. When they entered they saw the two defendants lying on a bed. Underneath the bed was a pillow, in which a loaded revolver was found. Continuing the search, a knife was found in a drawer near the wall.

Inspr. Darkin added that the revolver had not been used for a number of years and was not serviceable.

Both defendants, who gave evidence, denied any knowledge of the revolver. First defendant said that he had lived with second defendant at the house for two years. The house was not locked

during their absence. He admitted that the knife was his.

Second defendant confirmed that the knife belonged to first defendant, but said that he had never seen him use it for any violent or harmful purpose.

Liu Chung, No. 1 in the electrical department of the Talkoo Dock, called by the defence, said that he had known first defendant for over a year while second defendant had worked under him for four years. He added that he was satisfied with the work and character of the latter.

Mr. Russell submitted that accused should be given the benefit of the doubt.

MURDER CHARGE

Hearing was fixed for Dec. 18 by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett yesterday of the case in which an unemployed Chinese, Wu Leung, 24, was charged with the murder of Lo Kiu, 24, married woman, at No. 5 Sheung Fong Lane, on Nov. 23.

Det. Sub-Inspr. R. Cunningham prosecuted.

TREE CUTTERS GAOLED

Two women, Tang Tai, 39, and Chang Tai, 29, were charged before Mr. Barnett yesterday with unlawful possession of three trees, valued at \$35, at Shaukiwan on Sunday.

First defendant was sentenced to six weeks and second defendant, who had one previous conviction, was sentenced to two months.

Appearing on a similar offence, Leung Yam, odd coolie, was sentenced to a total of four months' imprisonment. Defendant was charged with the possession of two live trees, valued at \$10, at Shaukiwan.

It was stated in Court that defendant was bound over recently for the same offence. On the present charge Leung was given three months' and, for breach of his bond, defendant was given an additional month.

Sgt. Kiloch prosecuted in both cases.

ALLEGED ROBBER IN HOSPITAL
Three of the four men charged with the alleged robbery of a woman were discharged when they appeared before Mr. Barnett on remand yesterday.

The three accused discharged were Cheung Wai-ko, 33, unemployed, Chui Ching-hin, 25, unemployed, and Lai Chan-mei, 31, unemployed.

Together with Chan Kwan, 23, coolie, they were charged with robbing Li Sau-cun of a handbag containing \$51, a compact and one notebook at Queen's Road West, on Nov. 28.

Inspr. F. D. B. Tuckett said Chan was in hospital and asked for a remand of seven days. The application was granted.

UNLAWFUL SOCIETY

Charged on counts of threatening and being a member of an unlawful society, Au Tim, alias Wan Tam-tin, 23, unemployed, was convicted on both counts by Mr. Barnett yesterday.

Au was charged with threatening to assault Chan Chum-man to induce him to become a member of an unlawful society, the Sup Pat Yau Society, and with being a member of the Sup Pat Yau Society.

Defendant was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

Det.-Sgt. R. MacVey prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

CAMERA IN PROTECTED AREA

A plot of the Eurasia Airways Company, Chan Wong-ka, 28, was charged before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday for possession of a camera in a protected area, Waterloo Road, near York Road.

The wife of the defendant who appeared on behalf of defendant stated that accused was away from the Colony on an official flight but would return on Saturday.

Sgt. Whitley asked for a remand of 24 hours for the film to be developed, which was granted.

REVOLVERS CONFISCATED

An application by Det. Sgt. Morrison for the confiscation of three damaged revolvers and 15 rounds of ammunition, found in the grounds of the Diocesan Boys' School on Saturday morning, was granted by Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

POSTMAN COMMITTED

Lam Chung, 25, postman No. 151 attached to the G. P. O., Kowloon, who had been fined \$10 for

breach of Post Office regulations, appeared again before Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday on a charge of possession of two letters without permission or excuse.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser said that in a raid carried out by himself and a Chinese detective at No. 57, Sai Yeung Choi Street on Nov. 27, two letters were found in a paper box on top of a wardrobe. The letters were addressed to No. 4, Essex Crescent and No. 149, Sai Yee Street and stamped Nov. 22.

After evidence given by Mr. D. C. W. Fitches, of the G. P. O. and Kong Hing, the defendant was committed to the Criminal Sessions.

In his defence, the accused said that on the morning in question he was busy and mixed up the two letters with other letters.

11TH CONVICTION

Capt. R. S. Bonney, of No. 144, Argyle Street, appeared as complainant before Mr. Himsforth yesterday when Wong Kam-yau, 39, was charged with larceny of a canvas car cover from his garage on Sunday.

Sgt. Gordon said that the defendant was arrested by the cook boy.

The defendant, who had 16 previous convictions of larceny and is now under Police supervision, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

TRANSPORTING RICE

Fu To-wah, 60, owner of "Junk No. T1002H", was charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with moving 120 bags of rice in the harbour without a licence from the Controller of Trade. Admitting that he intended to transport the rice to Tsun Wan, the defendant was fined \$50.

CUT WATER PIPES

Sentence of three months' and six weeks' hard labour were imposed by Major Macfadyen yesterday on Lee Yau, 22, for damaging waterworks at King's Park by cutting lead pipes leading to the reservoir, and for breach of an explosion order.

It was stated that the defendant was seen cutting the lead pipes by a foreman of the waterworks. Other instruments were found on the ground when the defendant was arrested.

The prosecutor asked his Worship to take a serious view for the accused might have cut through the pipes and disrupted the water service.

The accused will be expelled.

D. O. SOUTH

ROBBED BENEFACTOR

Lau Wal, 33, and his elder brother, owed their gratitude to Ng Ngan, Chinese female, who put them up free of charge, by robbing her of one wooden box containing \$58 in Hongkong currency, on Dec. 4, at Ha Yeung Village, Sai Kung.

According to Sgt. Roberts, officer-in-charge of Sai Kung Police Station, who charged Lau Wal before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday with the larceny of the wooden box and its contents, defendant bound and gagged the woman and his elder brother. The reason for his binding his brother was to show that it was not an inside job. When it came to a division of the spoils, accused received only \$1, which made him want to "beat up" his elder brother.

On the defendant pleading guilty, he was sentenced to one month's hard labour, ordered to pay \$30 as compensation to the complainant, or, in default, two months' hard labour to run commutatively to the first sentence. He was also ordered to sign a bond in the sum of \$100 to be of good behaviour for two years.

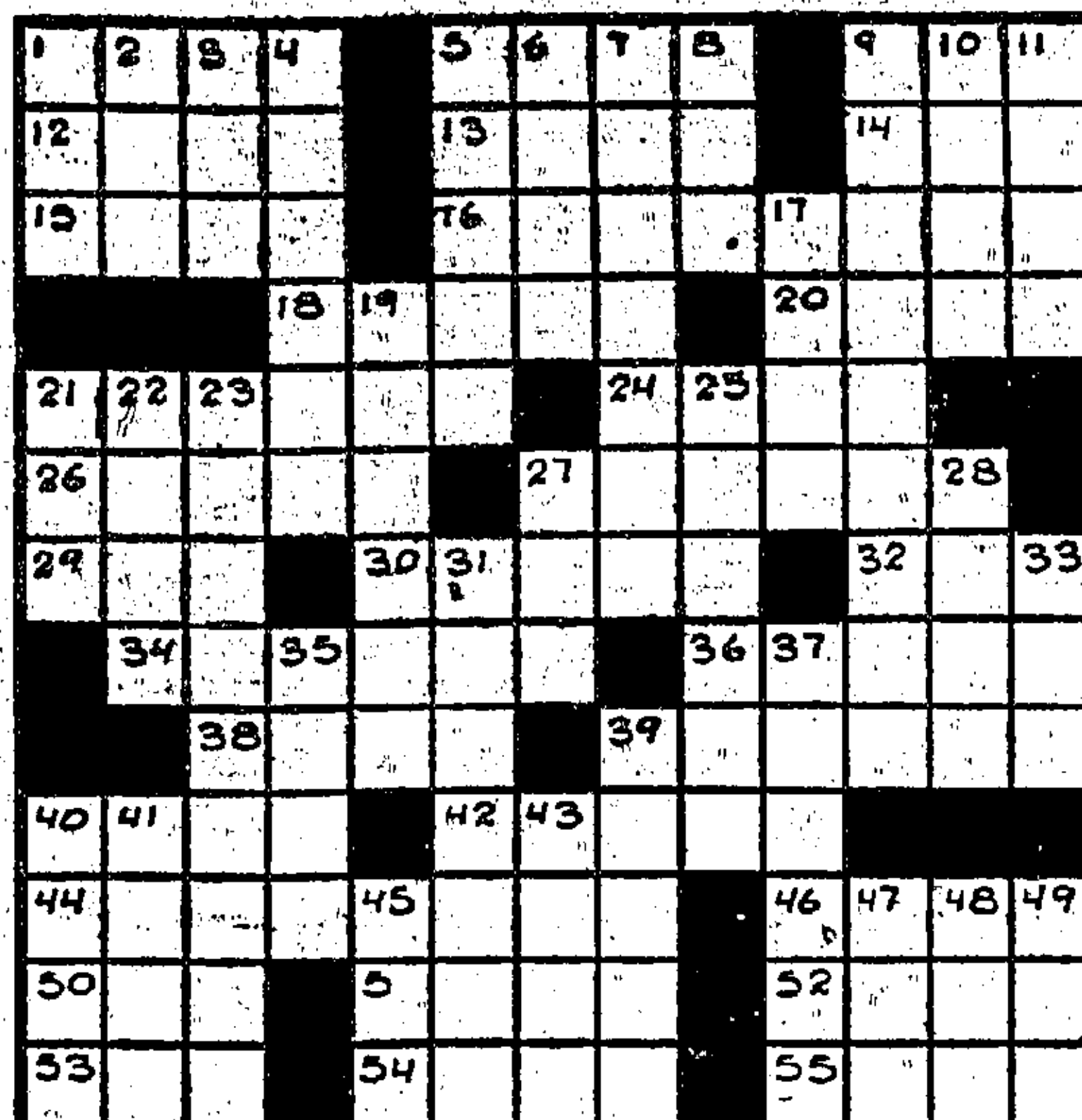
DIVAN KEEPER FINED

Pleading guilty to both the charges of possession of non-Government opium and of keeping an opium divan at an unnumbered house at Tai San Pak Street, first floor, Cheung Chau, on Dec. 8, Tang Tai, 30, was fined \$50, or three weeks' hard labour on the first count, and \$18, or one week hard labour on the second, by Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday.

Sgt. Whitcroft prosecuted.

BAIL ESTREATED

Tam Fong, 42, widow, had her bail of \$30 estreated when she failed to appear before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday, to answer the charge of keeping the first floor

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- ACROSS**
- Cooking utensil
 - Rustics (slang)
 - Exclamation
 - Period
 - Who established the Society for Ethical Culture?
 - Some
 - Who wrote "Idylls of the King"?
 - Melody
 - Turn to the right
 - Harden
 - Exclamation
 - Anglo-Saxon slave
 - Who was U.S. Secretary of War during the last war?
 - Member of a race of Asia
 - Street urchin
 - Born
 - Ascended
 - In the rear
 - Explosive sound
 - Land under cultivation
 - Dry
 - Not suitable
 - What Italian city was known in ancient times as Asta Pompeia?
 - Plural suffix
 - Flowers
 - Writing fluid
 - On what lake are Detroit and Toledo?
- DOWN**
- Scatters by splashing
 - Meadow
 - Having the eyes closed
 - Pronoun
 - Relations
 - Concise
 - Japanese coin
 - Fondle
 - Native compound
 - Strong taste
 - American actress
 - Helen—?
 - Biological units
 - Nearer
 - What American artist is known for his woodcuts: Rockwell—?
 - Senior (ab.)
 - What novelist wrote "Sanctuary"?
 - Tavern
 - Sense organ
 - Requires
 - Beverage
 - Deciduous
 - African mammal
 - What is the second in size of the Great Lakes?
 - Zora heroine
 - Weird
 - Tears
 - Pertaining to the bank of a river
 - Dutch liquid measures
 - Newts
 - Blemish
 - Scraper
 - American poet
 - Designation
 - Being
 - Tones of voice
 - Deer
 - Portuguese coin
 - Ancient Roman coins
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Devastations In Yamchow, Fongshing Described

The widespread devastations in Yamchow, Fongshing and their neighbouring districts on the west Yanchung coast as a result of about one year's Japanese military occupation were described in a report from Sukai in the local Takungpao.

Following their occupation of Yamchow in November last year, the report said, the Japanese immediately embarked upon their work of systematic destruction of the city.

The nursery, the District Primary School for Girls, the District Court and more than 100 residences in the east area were completely dismantled, while over 1,000 houses in other parts of the city either had their rooftops torn down or their windows and doors taken away. Only one or two per cent of the buildings there remained intact.

The bricks derived from the dismantled houses were used by the Japanese to pave the highways around Yamchow destroyed by the Chinese. About 50 Chinese of the Yamchow-Fongshing highway were thus paved.

Several hundred mow of paddy fields at Pakuk, in the Yamchow suburbs, were converted into an airfield, which according to natives there, accommodated as many as 50 planes at one time.

MADE BARREN
Cultivation was strictly forbidden several li around the airfield with the result that between 200 and 400 mow of farmland has been made barren.

Few people who had evacuated returned to Yamchow after its fall. The Japanese designated one street for residence and marked off an area about five li from the city as market place, where opium dens and gambling houses were established to demoralise the Chinese. The residence of a prominent Yamchow citizen, Liu Yung-fu, was converted into a military hospital and a crematory. Kamkatong, about 20 miles from Yamchow near the coast, served as

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a Japanese transportation centre between Yamchow and Nanning. There, a light railway and several wharves were built. The rails were torn away by the Japanese during their recent withdrawal, but the tracks still remain.

The Japanese did not occupy Fongshing following their landing there last year but were stationed at Mouling, near Fongshing, in view of its strategic position.

RUTHLESS RAIDS
Prior to their withdrawal from Yamchow last month, the Japanese subjected Fongshing to ruthless air raids for three consecutive days on November 15, 16 and 17. There were only a little more than 600 houses in the town, but the Japanese dumped a total of 500 bombs. Only two hospitals and seven houses escaped with minor damages. The rest including the district government headquarters

and the power plant were all reduced to a shambles. The town had suffered a serious flood earlier last month with many houses and crops in the suburbs swept away. The Japanese bombings have added to the town further misery and desolation. Mouling, with a population of about 300, now also lies in ruins. The Japanese set fire to all houses there prior to their withdrawal.

JAPANESE ENJOY TO NANKING REGIME

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9 (Reuters). — Mr. Kumataro Honda, the ex-Japanese Ambassador to Germany, was appointed Ambassador to Nanking regime in succession to General Nobuyuki Abe who had resigned according to Wang Ching-wei's Central Press Service.

Finance and Commerce

PROGRESS IN FUKIEN COMMENDED

Reforms in administration, enlistment of young men for civil service, and enforcement of trade control policy are the outstanding features in Fukien, according to the findings made by the Political Inspection Party organized by the Administrative Department of the Executive Yuan, which toured Fukien and several other provinces last July. The findings were made public by the Fukien Provincial Government yesterday.

According to a report compiled by the Inspection Party, in natural wealth Fukien is above Kweichow and Kwangsi, but below Hunan, Kiangsi and Chekiang. Rural economy in Fukien has improved considerably. Physically, the people in the province are generally weak, because from 30 to 40 per cent. of the population are annually suffering from malaria or cholera.

Many administrative reforms have been introduced and effected, particularly in the district government. Military training has been made compulsory to the civil service personnel, and security of position afforded. The evil practice of numerous changes of low grade officials in case of change of the heads of district administrations has been eliminated.

MUCH CONFIDENCE

To strengthen the administrative structure, the employment of young men is particularly encouraged. The Provincial Government

is placing much confidence in young men who are capable and energetic. A competent administrative personnel of young men is being trained.

The trade control policy has been successfully enforced. The guiding principle of this policy is that the Provincial Government control the wholesale trade, while the retail business is left in the hands of private interests.

By doing so, the Government is enabled to relieve the pressure of private capital on the poor and to adjust the supply and demand of commodities and their prices accordingly. Enforcement of this policy also facilitates the absorption of capital by the Government for the purpose of developing and financing reconstruction projects.

The Report concludes with the recommendation that the trade control policy be given support by the Central Government.—(Central News).

Highway Traffic In North-West

Traffic on the highways in the Northwest is going on very smoothly, the solid foundations, good roadbeds and the light rainfall being contributing causes of the good conditions of the roads, according to Mr. Hsueh Kwang-chien, secretary of the Ministry of Communications and deputy director of the National Highway Bureau, who has just returned to Chungking after accompanying Communications Minister Chang Kia-ngau on a month-and-a-half inspection trip of the North-west.

Aside from some difficulties in securing sufficient automobile spare parts and supplies, authorities of the Northwest Highways Administration find it easy to keep the transportation network at a high efficiency level. Plans have been drafted to ease the situation of motor vehicle supplies.

As to the question of fuel, Diesel oil is being used in the Lanchow district, alcohol in the Sian district and charcoal in the Hanchung district.

TRAVEL OVERLAND

Chinese highways in the Southwest and the North-west, Mr. Hsueh declared, today link British Burma in the south and the U.S.S.R. in the north as it is possible to travel overland through China from Lashio on the Chinese-Burma border to Tacheng on the Chinese-Soviet border. The total distance from Lashio to Tacheng by travelling overland through Kunming, Kweiyang, Chungking, Chengtu, Ninghsiang, Shuanshihu, Tientsin, Lanchow, Baboon Pass and Tihwa, is roughly 8,800 kilometers.

Mr. Hsueh highly lauded the tenacity of the Chinese populace, being much impressed by the people in the five provinces which he traversed, especially their calmness and hard work in wartime. Inhabitants of Loyang, he said, provided themselves with ample protection against Japanese air-raids by digging tunnels under the city walls.

"It is quite interesting that the ancient city walls are called to offer protection against aerial massacres by the Japanese and the old walls are made into a new type of protection," he added.

Another encouraging sign which shows the efficiency of communication facilities is the long-distance telephone service throughout Free China, Mr. Hsueh added. During their journey members of the inspection party made long-distance calls to Chungking from practically every city where they stopped.—(Central News).

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The greater volume and spread of business reflects the optimistic feeling ruling in the market, with most counters recorded at higher and with further demand for shares at the close.

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Lights (O), \$7.25.
Electric (O), \$32.80.
Electric (N), \$39.
Sandakan Lights, \$11.20.
Telephones (O), \$25.25.
Telephones (N), \$10.10.
Cements, \$18.25.
Ropes, \$6.00.
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Watsons, \$10.50.
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Realties, \$3.75.
Trams, \$17.45.
Lights (O), \$7.30.
Electric (O), \$40.
Telephones (N), \$10.10.
Watsons, \$10.50/55.

MANILA MADE TRANSHIPMENT PORT FOR AIR MAIL DESTINED FOR NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

Arrangements have been made between the federal authorities and Philippine postal officials for occasional transfer of air mail destined for Java and Singapore to chartered planes when their departure coincides with the arrival of clipper mail from the United States, reports the Manila Bulletin.

This will make Manila a "port of trans-shipment" for air mail arriving here from the United States destined for the NEI and neighboring areas. This mail is usually routed through Hongkong, Chungking and Rangoon. Several days, even weeks, are required for the mail to reach its destination.

CHARTERED PLANES

In recent weeks chartered planes of the KNILM line have been coming to Manila from Java with government officials and business executives who have urgent business here or in the United States. Such men employ this means of transportation in order to connect with Pan American Airways trans-Pacific clippers at Manila.

Whenever a special plane from the Indies is leaving Manila the day following the arrival of a clipper from the United States, the director of posts would be authorized to take the air mail off at Manila and have it taken to Java by the chartered plane.

HOW IT CAME ABOUT

This is how it came about: On Oct. 29, last, a chartered plane arrived here from Batavia with some passengers who wanted to board a clipper for the United States. The following day, Major W. Versteegh, one of the directors of the KNILM line who had come on the "Dutch plane," went to Cavite and was shown aboard the clipper. He saw several bags of air mail addressed to Batavia. Upon inquiry he found that this mail was to be taken to Hongkong, there to be trans-shipped to Chungking, to Rangoon, to Singapore and thence to Java.

The KNILM official contacted Samuel F. Gaches, president of the American Chamber of Commerce, and asked if there was some way in which that mail would be removed from the clipper and transferred to the chartered plane which would return to Batavia the next day. Mr. Gaches lost no time in contacting Juan Ruiz, director of posts, who in turn, advised San Francisco postal authorities. Action from the U.S. authorities was not immediately secured, and that particular shipment of air mail had to go by the usual route, but hereafter visiting planes may be utilized for quick transport of air mail from the United States to Java and Singapore.

REPORTS PREMATURE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Officials of the Civil Aeronautics Authority said today that Manila reports covering trans-shipment of mail to Java and Singapore were premature, claiming that no arrangement had been concluded among the Dutch, United States and Philippine governments covering regular airline service to the East Indies.

These officials said that arrangements were pending and that no action was immediately contemplated. The post office could not formally undertake negotiations covering handling of air mail until governments' negotiators had been concluded, the officials added.

INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS

Officials admitted there had been some informal discussions covering trans-shipment of mail to Singapore and Java in view of the proposed Pan American Airways extension to Singapore, but emphasized that the Pan Air extension has not yet been approved and must await a formal hearing.

A CAA spokesman, however, said that arrangements might be made for occasional transfer of air mail to chartered planes when these departures coincide with clipper arrivals.

U.S. CREDIT OFFER TO SPAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Diplomatic exchanges are at present under way with Spain involving the possible extension of credits for foodstuffs but no agreement had been reached.

Mr. Cordell Hull made this statement at the Press Conference today when replying to a question, based on the report from Lisbon, that the United States Ambassador had presented an offer to provide credits for foodstuffs and raw material on the understanding that Spain would stay out of the war.

Colony Water Storage

The total storage in the island reservoirs as at Dec. 1, 1940, was 3,779.66 million gallons as compared with 3,809.54 million gallons last year, according to the water returns for the month of November. Tytam Tuk storage was 1,033.66 million gallons compared with 1,134.00 million gallons last year.

An estimated population of 330,000 consumed 520.60 million gallons at an average consumption of 20.9 gallons per head per day.

The rainfall recorded during November was as follows—Botanical Gardens 3.67 ins; Tytam Tuk 4.20 ins; Wongneichong 3.08 ins; Pokfulam 2.31 ins; Aberdeen 2.43 ins.

THE MAINLAND

A total storage of 2,429.87 million gallons was recorded in the Mainland reservoirs as compared with 3,068.47 million gallons as at Dec. 1, 1939. Jubilee reservoir had 1,803.00 million gallons as against 2,427.25 million gallons last year.

An estimated population of 770,000 consumed a total of 353.61 million gallons as compared with 334.00 for the same period last year at an average consumption of 15.7 gallons per head per day.

RAINFALL RECORDINGS

Rainfall recorded during November was as follows:—Royal Observatory 3.515 ins.; Shing Mun (No. 1) 4.13 ins.; Shing Mun (No. 2) 3.29 ins.; Shing Mun (No. 3) 2.80 ins.; Shing Mun (No. 4) 2.95 ins.; Shing Mun (No. 5) 3.12 ins.; Kowloon 3.19 ins.; Shekkipui 2.67 ins.; Tai Po 2.28 ins.; Fanling 1.24 ins.; Un Long 1.33 ins.; Tai Lam Chung 2.84 ins.

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MORE BRITISH AID TO SPAIN

Shipment Facilities Granted

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—Further British assistance to Spain was announced yesterday.

Following the signing of a financial agreement, Britain is granting facilities for the shipment of 4,000 tons of manganese ore to Spain, 3,000 tons of which are to be sent from India. The industry will be sent from India.

The same ship has been authorized to carry a large quantity of jute for Spain.

Britain has purchased Spain's entire crop of bitter oranges and negotiations are now proceeding for a large purchase of sweet oranges.

Britain is also studying the possibility of making a large quantity of wheat available to Spain and it is likely that difficulties which have arisen over the export of seed potatoes from England and Eire will be overcome.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
DECEMBER 9, 1940.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/4	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand:—	3/40
On Singapore:—	
On demand:—	59 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand:—	100
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer:—	83 1/2
and demand:—	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 7/16	
Credits, 60 days sight 24 3/16	
On Batavia:—	
On demand:—	43 7/8
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand:—	101 3/4
On Manila:—	
On demand:—	48 7/8
On Bangkok:—	
On demand:—	147
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate:—	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz:—	83

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Monday, Dec. 9.
Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23 for both Ready and Forward. American Silver was unquoted.
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402-1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403-1/2.

MARKET

Steady.
STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 December, buyers at 1/3-1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Some business was done at 23 3/4 January and probably Cash. The market closed with sellers at 23 11/16 Cash and a small buyer at 23 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was arranged at various rates. The market closed with sellers at 366 3/4, buyers at 367 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3 49/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5 31/32, both sellers for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December, buyers at 1/2-1/32 Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 11/16 for Cash, buyers at 23 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at 366 3/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3 49/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5 15/16, both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 9 (Reuters).
Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
Lamou	0/3-1/16	
New York	5-3/4	
Japan	24-3/8	
India	20-3/8 N	
Hongkong	24-1/2	

Sterling

Sellers

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-49/64	0/3-49/64
Dec.	0/3-49/64	0/3-49/64
Jan.	0/3-49/64	0/3-3/4

U.S. Dollars

Sellers

	Opening	Closing
Spot	23-31/32	23-15/16
Dec.	23-31/32	23-15/16
Jan.	23-31/32	23-15/16

Market:—Quiet.

Silver Duty Rate.
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/24.
The Equalization rate was 2 1/2 per cent.

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, December 7, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous buyers	Dec. 7 buyers	Change
S P O T	38-3/4	38-1/2	off 1/8
JAN-MARCH	37-3/4	37-1/2	off 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/2	36-1/4	up 1/8

The market was steady.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous buyers	Dec. 7 buyers	Change
S P O T	11-7/8	12-1/16	
JANUARY	12-3/16	12-1/4	
FEBRUARY	12-1/4	12-1/4	
APRIL-JUNE	12-1/4	12-1/4	
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/4	12-1/4	

NEW YORK COTTON: Bombay interests are reported to be buying July and October on straddles. Local spot houses are selling.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Steady on reports of credits to Spain, the market was, otherwise, quiet.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 130.33; Today's close, 131.29; Change up .96.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev. Today's	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.25	10.21	10.25	.02 off
New York Rubber, March	10.15	10.11	10.15	.10 up
Chicago Wheat, May	84 1/2	85	84 1/2	1/2 up
Chicago Corn, May	60 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/2	1/2 up
New York Hides, March	12.65	12.63	12.65	.04 up
NEW YORK COTTON				
Dec. (New contract)	10.23/23	10.18/18	10.18/18	.05 off
January	10.15 N	10.09b/12a	10.11 N	.04 off
March	10.25/27	10.21/21	10.23/23	.02 off
May	10.19/19	10.14/15	10.17/17	.02 off
July	9.99/99	9.94/94	9.94/94	.05 off
October	9.41/41	9.36/36	9.40b	.01 off
Spot	10.23 N	10.18 N	10.18 N	.05 off
Total sales Friday:—	62,500 bales.			*—possible mutilation
NEW YORK RUBBER				
January	20.55b	unquoted	20.70b	.15 up
March	20.35/35	20.31b/44a	20.45b/52a	.10 up
May	20.15/15	20.10b/20a	20.25b/30a	.10 up
July (New contract)	19.93 N	19.85/85	20.05b/15a	.12 up
Total sales:—	50 tons.			
CHICAGO WHEAT				
May	85 1/2/85 1/2	85 1/2/85 1/2	86 1/2/86 1/2	1/2 up
July	81 1/2/81 1/2	81 1/2/81 1/2	82 1/2/82 1/2	1/2 up
Friday's sales:—	10,901,000 bushels.			
CHICAGO CORN				
May	59 1/2/59 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	1/2 up
July	59 1/2/59 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	1/2 up
NEW YORK HIDES				
March	12.60/60	12.60b/89a	12.64b	.04 up
June	12.40/40	12.40b	12.45/45	.05 up
Total sales for the day:—	23 contracts.			
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4		unquoted	
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/2		4.03-1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Dec. 8.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952) 102-11/16

Defence Loan, 3% 102

Jantion-Kloon Rly. 6% 102

Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 102

1898 (Brit. Issue) 38 1/2

Fin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 41-46

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 20

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 31 1/2

1913 (Ldn. Is.) 31 1/2

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 10

Jha. Imperial Rly. 5% 47

Loan 16

Hokwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue) 15

Hokwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) 13

Lung Tsiang & U. Hai Rly. 5%, 1913 14

Shai-N'King Rly. 5% 15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 16

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 15

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H.K. Realities 500 3.75

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H.K. Telephones (N) 600 10.25

A.S. Watsons 200 10.55

H.K. Tramways 100 17.45

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Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly. 14 1/2

Great Western Rly. 34 1/2

National Bank of India 30 1/2

S.A. Tob. (bearer) 83/9

Dunlop Rubber 31/4 1/2

Bristol Aeroplane 9/10 1/2

Imperial Chemical Ind. 28/3

United Steel 21

Woolworths 53/9

Maraman Investments 162/6

Western Holdings 9/6

Sub-Nigel 162/6

Shell Trans. & Trad. 33/9

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—bid.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 8, 1940.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	5 1/2	Loew's Inc.	30 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2	Loft Incorporated	104
Allis Chalmers	34 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	72 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	32 1/2
Amer. Can.	88 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	26 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	34 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Pwr.	1 1/2	M'tain City Copper Co.	3 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Pwr.	1 1/2	National Aviation	10 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	15 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	19 1/2	National Distillers	23 1/2
Amer. Radiator	7 1/2	National Lead	17 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	43 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	169	New York Central	13 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	3 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	6 1/2	N. American Aviation	17 1/2
Anacosta Copper	23	North American Co.	16 1/2
Atchafalpa T. & S. Fe.	17	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	45 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	18 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	27 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	10 1/2	Pan-American Airways	16 1/2
Barnard Oil	9 1/2	Paramount Pictures	1 1/2
Bendix Aviation	32 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	87 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	4 1/2
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	18 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	28 1/2
Borg-Warner	20 1/2	Pullman Inc.	26
Briggs Mfg.	5	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	25	Radio Corp. of Am.	5 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	34 1/2	Reading Company, Com	13 1/2
Case, J.I.	63 1/2	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	6 1/2
Celanese	28 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	8 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	43 1/2	Republic Steel	22 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	77 1/2	Revere Corp.	11 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	4 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	33
Commercial Credit Co.	31	Safeway Stores	42 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	13 1/2	Schenley Distillers	10
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Sears Roebuck	77 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Shell Union Oil	10 1/2
Continental Can	36 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Continental Oil	19 1/2	Southern Pacific	8 1/2
Copperweld Steel	19 1/2	Southern Rly. 45 pfd.	21 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	35
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	1 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	17 1/2	Standard Oil of California	17 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	78	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	163	Stone & Webster	7 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2	Studebaker Com.	8 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	34	Swift International	17 1/2
Elec. Autolite	35 1/2	Technicolor	9 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	4 1/2	Texas Corp.	38 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 45 pfd.	57 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	35 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 58 pfd.	64 1/2	Timken-Axle	29 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 87 pfd.	31 1/2	Trans-American Co.	44 1/2
Flintkote	16 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	51 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	55 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	7 1/2
Gen. Electric	33 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	13 1/2
Gen. Motors	49 1/2	United Aircraft	78

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SHANGHAI CHINESE PROPOSES SCHEME FOR CONTROLLING PRICE OF RICE

In order to strike at the root of the problem of the high cost of living in Shanghai which has caused extreme uneasiness among all classes of people, Mr. Yu Ya-ching, doyen of the Chinese members of the Shanghai Municipal Council, will soon submit a detailed plan in writing to the Council for approval, for the ultimate purpose of reducing the prices of rice in the Shanghai market, reports the North China Daily News.

"I have mentioned my scheme to my colleagues verbally and am preparing a detailed written proposal," Mr. Yu told the "North China Daily News" while revealing his rice relief programme, adding that bankers were behind him.

GREAT INFLUENCE

Although it has not been officially approved it is more than likely that Mr. Yu's plan will be carried out in full, since "Ya Leo," as he is affectionately known among all Chinese here, always comes out at times of trouble and settles problems easily, with his great influence among all classes of people.

Mr. Yu's plan calls for \$15,000,000 to be subscribed by bankers, rice, and other public bodies and this sum of money will be used for buying rice collectively for the community.

With this money, a body in control of the rice situation will buy foreign rice. About 200,000 bags of such rice will be bought and

sold, but during the sale period such rice will be bought continuously so as to keep the ready stock amounting to 200,000 always. Mr. Yu plans to buy the rice at the cheapest possible price at the place of production, plus the smallest possible freight and insurance money.

GRADUAL REDUCTION

According to Mr. Yu's calculation, if the cost price can be reduced to the minimum, he can sell the grain at between \$66 or \$67 a picul. Gradually, he will be able further to cause reductions in the rice market here, when manipulators find it difficult to operate. Mr. Yu will propose that the Council hold a meeting at which representatives from all public bodies concerned will be present, so as to allay the public's suspicion about a monopoly by one or two bodies.

Denying rumours spread by manipulators that the cost price of rice in Saigon has been increased, Mr. Yu said that only transportation and insurance fees have been increased in view of the unsettled situation in Indo-China. Mr. Yu is of the opinion that people here should not worry about a possible shortage of rice before the Lunar New Year. What people should worry about is a possible shortage from February (or 1941) onward.

CHEAP SALES

Meanwhile, it is reliably learned that the cheap sale of rice will again be started under Mr. Yu's supervision on January 2. Already orders for large quantities of rice have been placed with Saigon.

It is said that with official backing, the cheap sale will be continued as long as possible and that Mr. Yu is personally interested in this philanthropic work, having

ANGLO-CHINESE TALKS ON ASSISTANCE

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James, has made a series of calls on Lord Halifax, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R.A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. C. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons, and Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the past week. While visiting Sir Kingsley last Thursday, the Ambassador was accompanied by Dr. F.W. Kuo, newly appointed Vice-Minister of Finance of China, who was introduced.

It is understood that the Far Eastern situation was reviewed generally and also in the light of the Japan-Nanking treaty. Simultaneously urgent measures for speeding up Britain's maximum possible financial and material assistance to China were discussed. These are said to fall mainly under the following categories:

Firstly, a stabilisation fund for further consolidating the position of the national currency;

Second, larger additional export credits for purchases of materials in Britain and the Dominions and also the Sterling area following the precedence of the Anglo-Turkish and Anglo-Portuguese agreements.

It is believed that all problems have been sympathetically examined and considered in the most helpful spirit, resulting in considerable progress being made. Well-informed Chinese circles reported satisfaction with the progress.

An agreement in principle is believed to have been reached but a large loan to China approaching the American figure is still under negotiation. —(Central News).

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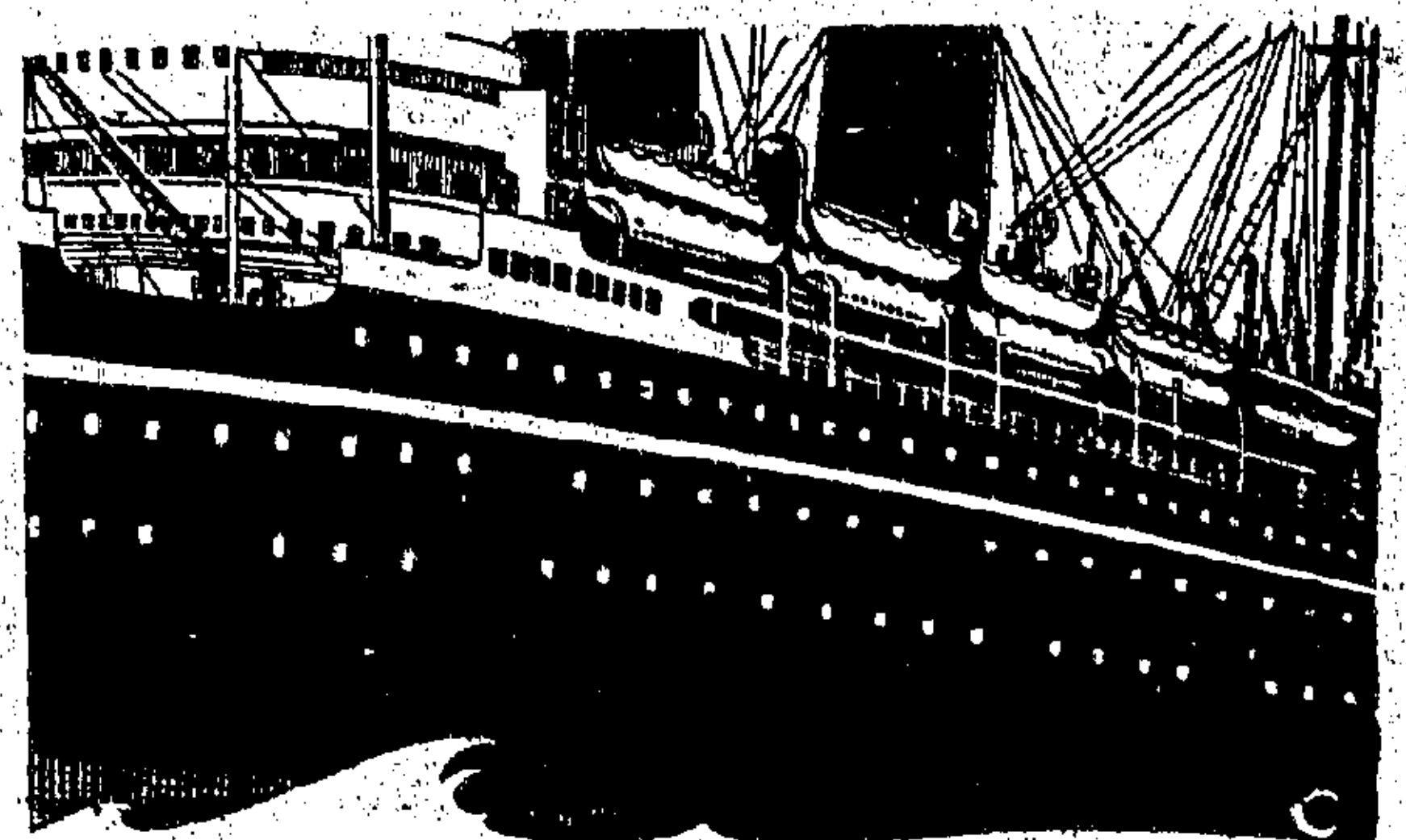
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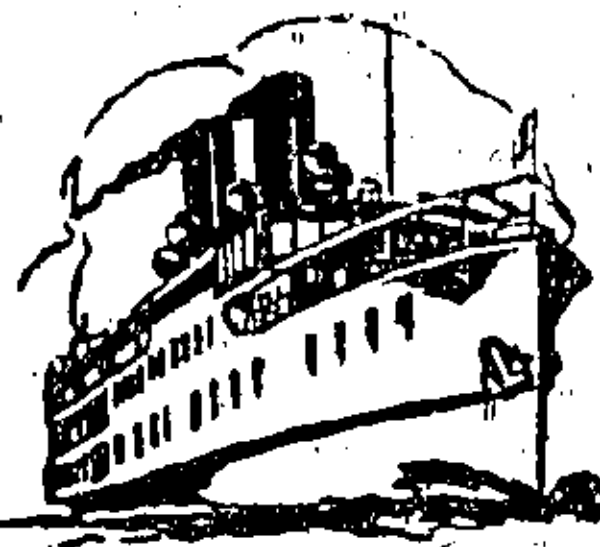
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Time For United States To Look Over Naval Chances: Navy General Staff Is Advocated

It is time for the American people to begin asking themselves what chance our navy has for success in event we become involved in war in the Pacific or the Atlantic Oceans—or both at once, writes Rear-Admiral Yates Stirling, Jr., in the Manila Bulletin.

If we go to war, obviously we intend to win

Any study of our naval problem, I am sure, cannot but lead to the conclusion that one of the things we need is a navy general staff composed of a body of experts skillfully led by one who is capable of making decisions and carrying them out.

CAUGHT SHORT

We cannot escape the fact that we are caught, in this year 1940, with a navy and air force capable of fighting in only one ocean successfully. But we are in danger of having to fight in two oceans at once.

In my judgment a careful evaluation of our naval situation should be made and it should be made by a navy general staff with all the facts before it.

EXHAUSTIVE STUDY NEEDED

What is important is knowledge of the strength and resources of all our potential enemies as well as those who would be our allies. A plan of campaign for such a war involves many factors that will be brought to view only through the most exhaustive study of the known strength of the enemy in weapons, material and industrial capabilities. This is too much for one man or a few men. It must be entrusted to many men, thoroughly educated and skillfully led.

If the United States today becomes involved in war, no amateur study and decisions can be tolerated. Our nation's safety depends upon the most accurate detailed planning together with full knowledge of conditions as they actually exist. Snap judgments would be fatal.

MORE INFORMATION

If we had a naval general staff now there might be more information as to what had happened recently in the Orient to cause so much talk

of an immediate menace to the United States in the Pacific ocean.

The war between Japan and China has entered its fourth year. The armies under Chiang Kai-shek yet are fighting and holding their own in the vast interior provinces. Friends of China in this country have accepted the condition as something that cannot be changed suddenly through any action on our part short of war with Japan and that we have no intention of forcing.

NO REASON FOR ALARM

The defeat of France gave Japan the opportunity of invading the soil of French Cochinchina, without opposition from the French colonial government, but this situation is no reason for undue alarm for us. If France now is under German dictation, the sovereignty of Cochinchina, years ago taken by force by France from China, might now be considered to have reverted back to China. There seems then no valid reason why the United States should be more concerned over the invasion of Cochinchina than over any other part of that wide country.

JAPAN'S ARROGANCE

Japan has shown arrogance and has interfered with our business interests in China. But even that form of aggression is not new, and, in a way, might be expected under existing conditions in China. Japan's alliance with the Axis powers, coming with her bold declarations of aggressive policies for the future, have given the United States much concern. We have assumed that Japan intends to seize islands in Malaysia owned by Britain and Holland. As yet nothing has developed along that line. Of course, when we

trace the Japanese naval spread to the south, it seems easy to recognize an intention of advancing her naval and military power towards those rich and most coveted possessions.

TOKYO ONLY TALKING YET

As far as we know, only aggressive words have been uttered in Tokyo, and no direct action by naval or military forces to carry out such implied intentions has been made.

There have been threats, which after all need not frighten us unduly. Making threats is poor policy and liable to be embarrassing to those making them.

After all, has not the situation in the Orient been rendered more menacing merely because of threats? Taking these threats seriously, however, has caused the United States to consider the clamping down on exports to Japan such as iron and oil. Restrictions already have begun. This curtailment of exports to Japan will bring to a stop United States purchases from Japan. The result will be eventually the closing down of our commercial relations with that country. This would involve us in what is called a commercial war, almost as serious as war itself, and usually leading to that more drastic action.

EMBARGO EFFECT

Placing an embargo on such essential war materials to Japan has had the natural effect of bringing down upon our head further threats from Japanese sources. This is only to be expected. It is the Japanese way as well as that of Hitler. But is there any reason why we should take these threats too seriously?

England is not beaten, and our navy is comparatively strong and efficient, and will set more formidable as our industrial efforts increase and our industries become geared up for mass production. Why not consider that Japan's threats and her alliance with the Axis powers are but gestures, meaningless to our security, unless and until the British navy is defeated?

NEW LUNGHAI RAILWAY

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—Train services along the new 700 kilometre branch line of Lunghai Railway between Hsienyang and Tungkwang commenced yesterday, according to the Chinese Press. The line passes through area rich in coal from which the railway will obtain its supply of fuel.

What Hitler Has Done To Europe

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tion camps. Those that remain have been taken out to work in German fields and workshops. From the west of Poland, the people have been driven off to make way for German settlers.

The speaker quoted a high German official in Poland as saying: "It is my glorious task to bend all that remains of the Polish people and to abolish their way of life."

HOW IT IS DONE

The same story of tyranny and concentration camps came from Czechoslovakia, continued the speaker. Just as in Poland, Czech universities had been closed. This was done by provoking the students to demonstrate and then storming the students' residences from where some were led out and shot, others were savagely beaten up and hundreds taken away to concentration camps. Only pro-German books were allowed and the end steps taken to destroy Czech education.

"In the northern countries—Denmark, Norway and Holland—the Germans' chief care has been to rob and plunder, 'went on the speaker. 'They have even published some of the details. In one recent week, for instance, they drove off 17,000 sheep from Denmark. In another week they took 11,000 head of cattle."

"From Holland they took nine-tenths of that country's butter reserves and in three months they have taken 10,000 tons of potatoes."

"This is what the Germans call increasing their trade. In addition they have taken three-million tons of wheat from France. These figures reveal only part of the pillage. 'THEY CALL IT EMPIRE!'"

"So we can see what sort of order for Europe the Germans are planning," declared the speaker. "Having taken away all the skilled workers and impoverished the country, they speak of a new

order! It is really the greatest disorder in the world—to plunder, to slaughter, to steal—these are the things that they call Empire!"

"In preparing the Germans for this war, Herr Hitler did his work well and according to what he makes the Germans say in his 'Mein Kampf': 'We wish to have no other God but Germany.' 'This deliberate destruction of thought, mind and brain went on—Herr Hitler had played his part. 'At the moment we are holding out for our very lives in order to

undo all that Herr Hitler has done to Europe and Herr Hitler knows that the British Empire is the strongest and most stubborn of his enemies."

"There can be no peace and no country will be safe again from attack from without or within until this evil rule is destroyed," concluded the speaker by quoting a statement recently made that "if Herr Hitler were to win this war, the world will be put back a thousand years."

Tokyo To Be Trade Port: Strong Opposition From Yokohama Citizens

TOKYO, Dec. 9 (Reuter)—Following the conference of officials of the Ministries of Finance, Home Affairs, Railways and Communications yesterday, the Government has tentatively decided to make Tokyo a trade port on the basis of the harbour improvement plan approved at the Harbour Engineers' meeting of the Ministry of Home Affairs on Nov. 18, it was disclosed this morning.

A formal decision on the plan, it is understood, will be made at the Cabinet meeting within this week if things go well.

In this connexion, it is stated that Government authorities will take the utmost care so as not to menace the prosperity of Yokohama especially in view of the fierce opposition on the part of the citizens of Yokohama.

ESSENTIAL FEATURES

A considerate attitude of the Government officials toward Yokohama is indicated by the following essential features of the project:—

Firstly, Tokyo will not be made an independent port but the port of Yokohama will be extended to Tokyo.

Secondly, foreign ships will enter Yokohama, and

Thirdly, Japanese ships are allowed entry to the port of Yokohama which it is further understood will be used for foreign trade and Tokyo for trade with countries in the Yen bloc.

Meanwhile, the session of the Yokohama City Assembly on Dec. 7, which adopted opposition to the resolution was followed yesterday by a mass meeting of Yokohama citizens with 2,000 attendants representing all sections of the population.

The meeting adopted a resolution which denounces the Government plan declaring that it may drive a million Yokohama citizens to starvation.

It is recalled that the Tokyo Trade Port issue has been pending since 1932 owing to opposition on the part of Yokohama.

FOREIGN MAILS

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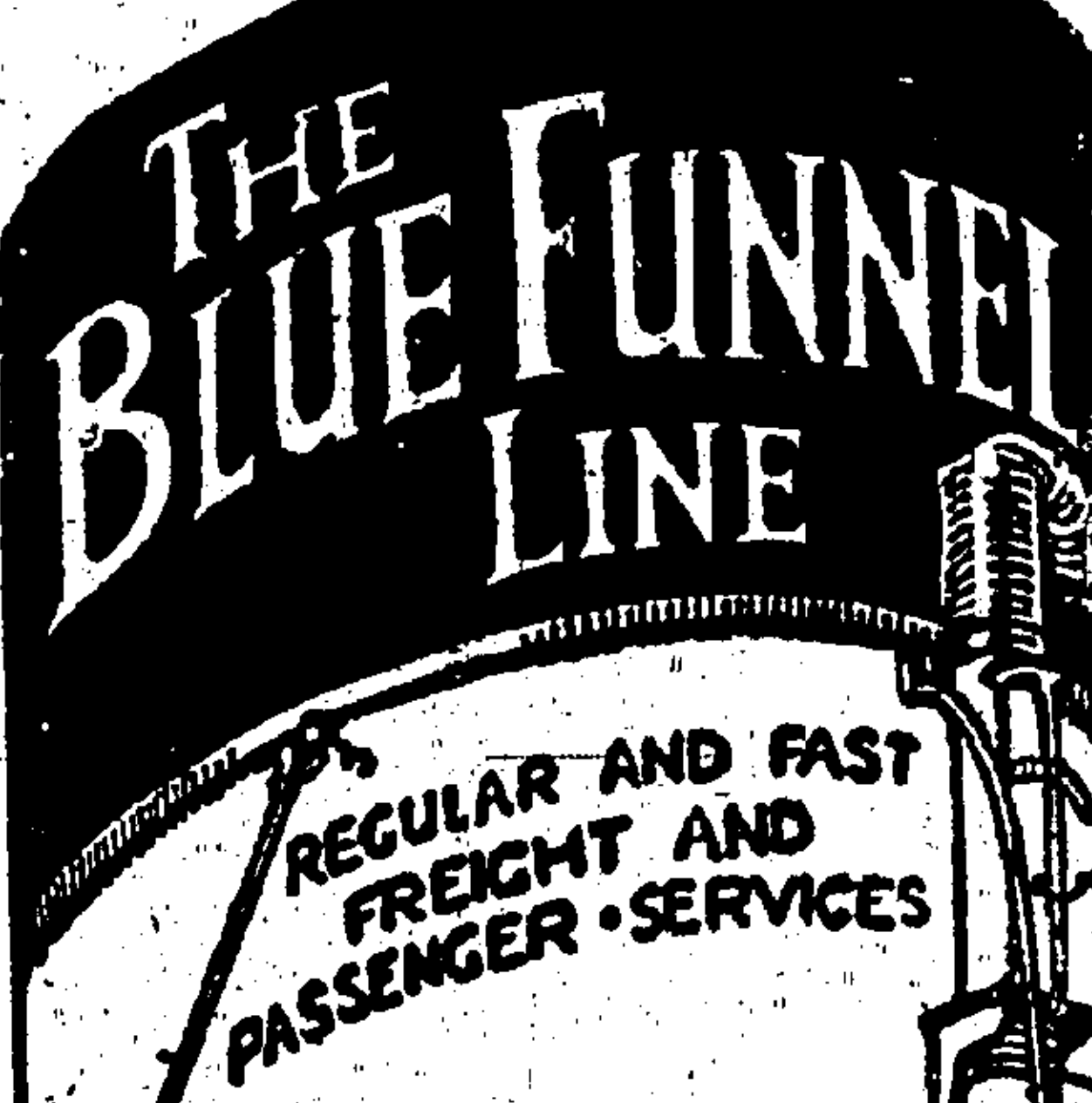
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U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 22nd November)	14th Dec.
U. S. A. Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 18th November)	16th Dec.
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Canton	17th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 11th December	18th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	18th Dec.
Sandakan	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila	23rd Dec.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 6th December)	26th Dec.
U.S.A. Honolulu, and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd December)	26th Dec.
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Sandakan	29th Dec.
London and Straits	31st Dec.

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Straits	7.00 PM
THURSDAY	Thu. 12th
Canton	7.15 AM
Sandakan	8.30 AM
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Haiphong	10.30 AM
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Straits and Calcutta	10.30 AM
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FRIDAY	Fri. 13th
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	3.30 PM K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
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TUESDAY	Tue. 17th
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, and United Kingdom	2.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 18th
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	8.30 AM K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
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THURSDAY	Thu. 19th
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